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Relationships, Community, Involvement, Learning

JOSEPH J. CICALA, PH.D., '79, DEAN OF STUDENTS, LA SALLE UNIVERSITY

TEACHING IS NOT—OR, MORE PRECISELY, SHOULD NOT be—the central concern of La Salle University or any other institution of higher education.

Nonsense, you say? Please consider this alternative.

Learning is—or, more precisely, should be—the central concern of every institution of higher education, including La Salle University.

Feel better now? I thought you might.

The stories you'll read in the pages that follow blend to form a larger picture which strongly suggests that learning is alive and well in our university community and, further, that its impacts stretch far beyond the curriculum, the co-curriculum, the extra-curriculum, and the boundaries of the campus itself.

Learning is not a spectator sport nor, I believe, is it a direct result of teaching, no matter how good the teacher. Lessons culled from contemporary scholarship and practice, as well as our Lasallian traditions, convince me that the work of our university should be characterized by four words: relationships, community, involvement, and learning. Here's why.

In higher education circles, modern definitions of learning encompass all facets of human development through which a student is likely to progress during the course of enrollment. If learning is our goal, we must consider how learning occurs.

Our professional literature leads us to believe that learning is a direct function of what has come to be called involvement, defined by leading scholar Alexander Astin as the quality and quantity of physical and psychological energy the

learner devotes to the academic enterprise. Simply put, the more you put into it, the more you'll get out of it.

If involvement leads to learning, we have to think about how involvement is most likely to be engendered. Again, contemporary scholarship leads us to a conclusion: Involvement is fostered in atmospheres of community, in which people perceive themselves to be—and, to the greatest extent possible, actually are—working together in common purpose toward the achievement of ends greater than their own.

If community fosters involvement, we need to determine how community may be achieved. Common sense will lead you to the same conclusion as that reached by prominent scholars: Community begins with relationships. In a university setting, that means relationships between and among students, faculty, and staff. The major theories of premature student departure (theories of student retention and success if you turn them around) are in agreement about one thing: A student's social integration into the university community is integral to the student's learning and success.

Interestingly and not at all coincidentally, the lessons of contemporary scholarship and practice mirror the legacy of St. John Baptist de La Salle. For more than three centuries, Lasallians have endeavored to touch the hearts of students (relationships) and to do so together and by association (community). The model of simultaneous classroom instruction, taken for granted today but pioneered by the early Christian Brothers, was designed in large measure to foster association among students and, by so doing, to promote involvement, with the greater learning of all as the goal.

The stories you'll read in the pages that follow demonstrate what may be accomplished in an institution of higher education that is committed to student learning and, moreover, to the promotion of student learning in accordance with the principles described above. These stories form a remarkable mosaic that reflects the impact of relationships, community, involvement, and learning on students' lives during their enrollment and, ultimately, as they employ and deepen their learning as citizens and leaders of the world they rejoin as graduates of La Salle University.



Joseph J. Cicala, Ph.D., '79, a member of *The Masque*, on stage with EMMY® Award Winning TV producer Eileen Matthews, '81, in the Fall 1978 production of *The Man Who Came to Dinner*.

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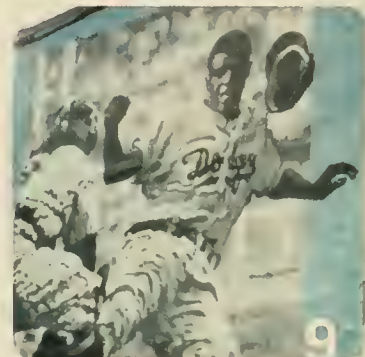
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Lives Changed Forever

By Learning Beyond the Curriculum

BY ROBERT GRAY

EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT LEARNING FOR LIFE. BUT FOR some, learning *is* life. And it's not just a matter of going to classes; it's a case of living to the fullest. The Lasallian traditions of educating the whole person, purposeful education, and active engagement in the life of the community and the life of the mind have proved formative for thousands of La Salle graduates all around the world and over many years. Many have gone on to achieve extraordinary things, both great and small.

We talked to nine alumni about their lives, their memories of La Salle, and the paths they have chosen. Their stories reach back to different times and into the heart of what it means to be an Explorer. Each is as different as it is inspiring. In their words, we discover a sampling of the many paths laid before La Salle graduates by the care of those around them, and we discover just a few of the ways the Lasallian tradition lives on.

Father Eric Augenstein, '00

HEARING THE CALL

"I started thinking about the priesthood before," admits Father Eric Augenstein, '00, "But at La Salle, it was

nourished." A double major with a B.A. in religion and philosophy and a minor in English, Rev. Augenstein received his M.A. in Catholic thought and life in 2002 and his master's in divinity two years later, both from St. Meinrad School of Theology in southern Indiana.

A native Hoosier, Rev. Augenstein has just been named Associate Pastor and

assigned a parish that serves "a cluster of three churches with one staff," in the Richmond, Ind., area. "I will also be teaching religion to freshmen and sophomores at nearby Seaton High School," he says.

There could hardly have been a more appropriate training ground for Rev. Augenstein than La Salle. After

all, where else could this aspiring priest with a passion for music and community involvement have found so many opportunities to, well, practice what he would later go on to preach?

"While I was at La Salle, I became very involved in campus ministry. I was on the liturgy planning team, and I also selected music for services." In addition to fine-tuning and planning liturgy and setting the musical tone for worship on campus, Rev. Augenstein, who is an accomplished pianist and organist, also sang as part of the La Salle Singers. He also served for two years as president of the 25-member mixed chorus.

"It was a club," he explains. "We met once a week and did a Christmas and spring concert on campus that was open to the public. While I was there, we organized Christmas caroling in the neighborhoods around La Salle and at nursing homes that were open to everyone in the La Salle community."

Determined to spread the music as widely as possible, Rev. Augenstein heavily recruited in "all the clubs and fraternities" on campus, he says. Each would send representatives to add their voices to the joyous noise. "We would break up into groups of 10 or 12 to go singing in a nearby neighborhood or nursing home," he remembers. "One year we recruited 100 students!"

Rev. Augenstein's other activities while at La Salle come in handy on the job as well. In his new position, Rev. Augenstein will serve as counselor, administrator, mentor, and mediator. "While I was at La Salle," he says, "I also served as chair of the Judicial Board, hearing student policy violation cases. The neat thing about the board was that, while students chaired it, faculty member were always involved."

Really, I learned more outside of the classroom than in—and I learned a lot in the classroom," he explains.

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Megan Barnett, '01

POLITICS, BUT NOT AS USUAL

Megan Barnett, '01, is a political animal. A political science major with minors in Spanish and business administration, she served as president of the Students' Government Association (S.G.A.) for two years, and helped the College Republicans organize and launch Political Awareness Month on campus. She was a member of the GAELS Irish Society, and a founding member of the La Salle Ambassadors. In her junior year, she joined Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority. As an alumna, she was elected to the Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2002, and is currently a member of the D.C. Metro Area Alumni Chapter, the Homecoming Planning Committee, and the Class Programs Committee. She's active.



The Plymouth Meeting, Pa., native is also the first daughter of two La Salle alums, George Barnett, '72, and Mary Hopper, '79, who still lives in Plymouth Meeting.

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Philadelphia in 2000, a full-time student all the while. As a senior, she joined the Bush/Cheney 2000 presidential campaign, and traveled around the country working with former Secretary Dick Cheney. As a press advance lead for Vice President Cheney on the Bush/Cheney '04 presidential campaign, Barnett is fully immersed in the world of politics—and she wouldn't have it any other way.

"I was president of my high school class each year at Gwynedd Mercy Academy," she says, "so I decided to pull some dedicated and hard-working friends together at La Salle, and run for student government. I met [then S.G.A. president] Trey Ulrich, '99, M.B.A. '02, during freshman orientation. He gave me an overview of what S.G.A. entailed. I thought being president would be a

great opportunity to get to know how La Salle operated and to make the voice of my class known. Always interested in politics, Meg Barnett worked on campaigns for Philadelphia-area candidates, and on the Republican National Convention in

great opportunity to get to know how La Salle operated and to make the voice of my class known.

"At La Salle, when you show initiative, doors fly open for you," she says. "For example, in my first political science class, American Government, I was given the option of writing a long paper or keeping a journal from a three-hour-a-week internship with a political campaign." She and a friend joined the campaign of Republican candidate for District Attorney Jack McMahon. The internship fed her appetite for politics. "I ended up working for independent political fundraisers and event planners for three years through college," she says.

Then, in 2000, with just eight weeks to go before the presidential election, Barnett was invited to join the Bush/Cheney campaign. "I had just turned 21, and was working with and learning from seasoned campaigners. It was incredible!" she says.

"I attribute the person that I have become today very much to my experiences during college," she says. "At La Salle, I learned to approach every situation with a 'can do' attitude."

Shannon Bauer, '03

A SWIMMER'S LESSONS

Shannon Bauer, '03, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, loves the water. "My sister, brother, and I started taking swimming lessons as kids," she explains. And when she was 10, she joined her first swim team. What started out as a "summer thing" soon developed into a "year-round thing," she says. By the time she was on the high school swim team, swimming was part of her identity.

"Ever since I was 12, I wanted to go to La Salle," she says. Aquatic Club championship meets at La Salle had introduced her to the facilities—and to Philadelphia. "I loved it all," she says. "When it came time to apply, I was excited to see that



Stephanie Cahill, '05, Shannon Bauer, '03, and Kimmy Evanilla, '05 at a 2003 swim meet.



La Salle had my program."

"I wanted to go somewhere where I could win as a swimmer, a place where I wouldn't be lost in the crowd," she says. "I got a good [athletic scholarship] offer from La Salle, and my parents recommended that I take it." There were other motivations, as well. "I'm Catholic," she says. "La Salle has a spiritual community that appealed to me."

As a student athlete and nursing student, the demands on her time were enormous. "I was always up at five in the morning," she recalls. "I had daily required clinical nursing hours. Plus, I was in the swimming pool at least four hours a day." Through it all, the La Salle community sustained this distance swimmer who competed in the 200-yard, 500-yard, and one-mile competitions. "My teachers and coaches were flexible," she says. "As long as they knew that I wanted to do well, they wanted to work with me."

As important as swimming was to Sharon during her La Salle years, she somehow found time for other kinds of involvement, the fruits of which stay with her still. She

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participated in La Salle's annual Branch Out Day, when students gather on the quad in the morning and are dispersed to tackle neighborhood projects. "One year, we joined with members of a community church congregation on a big clean-up project," she says.

As part of nursing training, she taught nutrition, dental health, and other health-related topics in nearby neighborhoods. In a place like Philadelphia, says this self-described suburban girl from the small town of Harleysville, Pa. (population 8,795), "you gain perspective. Cultural awareness is valuable to me as a nurse serving diverse patients and communities. Those experiences helped me become more culturally aware, more sensitive to the differences between people."

So, what is this swimmer/nurse doing today? "I'm working on my Master of Science in Nursing at La Salle," she laughs. "I liked it so much, I came back!"

Al Cantello, '55

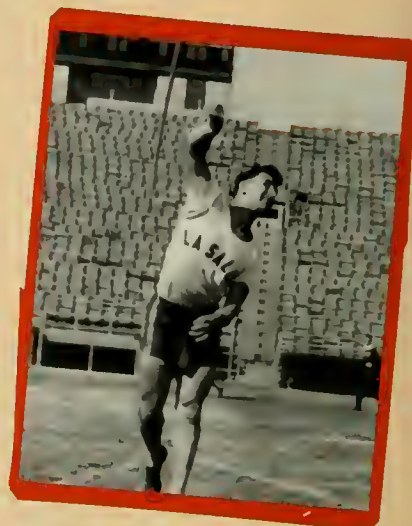
THE GRIT OF A CHAMPION, THE HEART OF A WINNER

According to Al Cantello, '55, La Salle track star, former world record holder in the javelin, and Olympic athlete, "When I graduated from high school, my oldest brother had just gotten back from World War II, and he wanted to get married. My father had died when I was 12. Ours being a typical second generation Italian family, it fell to me to become the breadwinner. So, as my peers all went off to college that fall, I went to work in the asbestos factory" in his hometown of Norristown, Pa. But something happened that would change everything for him. That something was La Salle.

Obviously, Cantello had already made an impression on college coaches, because, as he tells it, "Through some divine intervention, I stayed in shape" while working shifts at the factory.

Then, after two years of lunch boxes and swing shifts, "the La Salle track coach offered me one of the few athletic scholarships available at the time," he says. "It changed my whole life."

La Salle in the early 1950s was a very different place than it is today. "There were no dorms and no women," he explains. "The guys wore overcoats, ties, and hats. One thing that made me unique was that I was not from Philadelphia. Another thing was the fact that I had a car, which also made me popular." Among Cantello's fond memories of those days: road trips to Madison Square Garden to see nationally ranked Explorers basketball.



Al Cantello, '55, throws the javelin in a 1954 Explorer Yearbook photo.

"The thing about La Salle is, they took this broken branch and fixed it."



"We'd pile in my car and drive up to the city to the game," he recalls. "Those were the days."

Earning a B.A. in English education while throwing javelin all four years as an undergraduate, Cantello kept in shape and continued improving. Soon after he graduated, he was tapped as an American Olympic hopeful. And, though he set the world record for javelin throw in 1959, and qualified for and competed in the 1960 Olympics in Rome, Italy, "the biggest thrill I ever had as an athlete was being awarded the Penn Relay watch in 1953 as part the La Salle team," he says. "I still have that watch."

In Cantello's mind, his years at La Salle "were the best of times. The mantra of the school was always to give the blue collar second generation American a chance; that is what La Salle was about," he explains. "When I was there, we had a nationally-ranked swim team and basketball team. The war had just ended. There was optimism and innocence and a purity of purpose among people. That's what made it such a great time for me."

And then there were individuals, specifically Brother Christopher, then-Dean of Admissions. "He wrote the letter to the draft board that kept me out of the Korean War, which was very unusual in those days. You see, I came from the 'wrong side of the tracks.'"

"The thing about La Salle is, they took this broken branch and fixed it," he says, warming to his point. "I've been coaching over 40 years—cross country, indoor, and outdoor track—75 athletes on a team, three seasons of the year [at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.]. Why? Because La Salle took a chance on me. For that, I'm forever loyal to the school."



Dave Carberry, '74

TOUCHING LIVES, GIVING BACK

"Whenever you work on setting policy," says Dave Carberry, '74, B.A. in accounting, and Vice President of Finance for Johnson & Johnson Healthcare Systems, "you need to be able to stand up and articulate your point of view."

At which executive seminar did the

51-year-old Yardley, Pa., resident, who also holds an M.B.A. and is a certified management accountant, learn this valuable lesson? The La Salle Student Advisory Council

to the Dean of Students.

"I felt it was important to get involved and help out on campus," he says. And Carberry's interests ranged wide. "I stayed pretty busy at La Salle, and had a lot of fun doing it." He served as a resident assistant, helping keep the peace at close quarters where Jimi Hendrix devotees sometimes clashed with the more scholarly set. At one time or another, he participated in Stage Crew, served as treasurer for numerous campus projects, was on the residence council, and, as already mentioned, worked with the dean as a student advisor.

One reason Carberry felt comfortable getting involved on so many levels was that, for him, "La Salle was always a safe community. It's small enough that you don't get lost." Like many alumni, he was the first generation in his family to attend college. "I knew little about the selection process, and I had very little money," he says.

The Philadelphia native says he wanted to "stay close to home and to the work opportunities in the city."

As a resident assistant, Carberry came to enjoy the "camaraderie of the Brothers," who played a central role in student life. "As a head resident, I managed other resident assistants in other halls. I learned to manage and resolve conflicts from that experience, and the Brothers helped me so much."

And Carberry gives back. "I've always felt grateful for what I got at La Salle," he says. "Helping students understand what a career in business is all about—I enjoy that."

So, today, he serves on the business advisory board that helps the School of Business strengthen connections with the world of business by focusing curriculum, marketing, and internship opportunities. "This helps the business school tailor its product," he explains, "not just to meet needs of the business community, but to also help students be more successful when they hit the job market."

As a La Salle University team leader for Johnson & Johnson, Carberry helps attract rising generations of La Salle business graduates to Johnson & Johnson. "We're very successful at attracting graduates from La Salle," he says, obviously glad for the graduates and his company. "I am very proud of that, and I plan to continue."

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Andrew Jannett, M.D., '43

AMERICAN DREAMS FULFILLED



Not all lessons reveal themselves right away. Sometimes, they surface much later to enrich life anew. For Andrew F. Jannett, M.D., '43, who earned his B.A. at La Salle by the time he was 20, saw action as a young Navy officer in the Philippines campaigns of World War II, earned a medical degree from The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and served as a surgeon in the

U.S. Air Force in Bitburg, Germany, during the 1970s, life must have always seemed rich. And now, rich with memories, Jannett has begun to write, a love first nurtured in his undergraduate years at La Salle.

He was born in south central New Jersey in 1923. "Hammondton, N.J.," he writes in his memoir, *A Twentieth-Century American 1923-2000*, "lies in the south central part of the state and was founded sometime after the Civil War. Its flat-surface sandy soil lent itself to the successful growing of almost every berry, fruit, and vegetable. In size the town at my birth numbered about five thousand people." With characteristic attention to detail, Jannett begins his memoir, one of three books—including one of stories and another of poems—that are the latest expression of his passion for life and his love of language.

"One of the most important things is to be able to communicate," says this doctor-turned-writer. "And I credit La Salle with helping me improve my skills. I was always a nut about English classes. But, it wasn't until much later I actually got a chance to sit down and write."

"Having the background I had at La Salle, I have been able to lead a moral existence."

In addition to English classes, Jannett also honed his writing talent as a reporter for the campus paper, the *Collegian*. The careful distillation of a point down to its journalistic essence is recognizable many years later in his memoir. Noting the credentials of his premed classmates at

La Salle, he notes, "I was fearful of the competition." But in his studies, as in so much of his life, he need not have feared.

Looking back to those tumultuous years of the Great Depression and World War II, Jannett reflects on the abiding moral strength and security he found at La Salle.

"Having the background I had at La Salle, I have been able to lead a moral existence. I'll give you an example," he says. He celebrated his 21st birthday aboard a Navy ship in Colón, Panama (where he cast his first vote for president, by absentee ballot). As he tells the story, "I was surprised when the skipper wished me a happy birthday, and ordered me to go ashore and 'enjoy myself.'" Realizing that he had wandered into the red light district, Jannett quickly returned to ship, leaving the "enjoyment" on shore.

Captain Smiley said, 'Andy, did you have a good time?'

'Yes,' I replied.

He said, 'It's only 9:30.'

I made no reply.

Moral character, clean living: Andrew Jannett credits La Salle with fostering both. "Who you are by the time you are 21 is who you are going to be," he says. "My formative years were spent at La Salle, and those experiences helped to form me. I owe La Salle a lot."

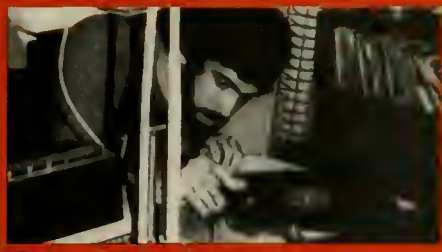
James Kirschke, Ph.D., '64

COMING THROUGH FIRES
OF ADVERSITY

James Kirschke, Ph.D., '64, B.A. in English, author and professor of English at Villanova University, is a true American hero. This decorated Vietnam War veteran earned his Purple Heart the hard way. By 1967, Kirschke had served in the steaming jungles of Vietnam as commander of mortar and rifle platoons. He was no stranger to the perils of combat as he led his platoon on yet another patrol. As he tells it, "This last area we were in was really mined and booby-trapped. It was my job to lead my men through it. I had done it before," he says. "But if you are really doing this job, you can't always be lucky."

The explosion came without warning, instantly blowing





off his left leg at the hip and taking with it half of his right leg, the remainder of which sustained extensive nerve damage. "It was a box mine filled with rusty nails," he explains calmly. "I was really creamed by it."

Rewind six years to 1961, when Kirschke first arrived on campus at La Salle, "I came from a lower-class background," he explains. "I had no father, and my mom was a waitress." At that time, Vietnam meant nothing more to most Americans than a "place on the map," he says.

"I learned things about being successful and honed my leadership skills, which I've called upon as a Marine officer, a faculty member, and as a professional. La Salle gave me the environment to do this kind of work."

Rather than face mandatory draft, he had joined a marine training program that offered a speedy route up the pay scale and regular paychecks. He also made time to get involved in campus life. In addition to the work he put into writing the first constitution for the Student Court, which, for years, served as the judicial body overseeing student policy violations and other offenses on campus, he also served as its first justice.

"I was pretty active," he says, with characteristic modesty. He served as vice president of his freshman and junior classes, president of his sophomore and senior classes, and vice president of the student council during his senior year, all as he continued working to pay for school. And he was writing.

"My teachers did everything to encourage me," he explains. "Four English professors in particular opened the doors for me. Claude Koch, who would look at anything I wrote; Brother Emery Mollenhauer, my first composition teacher; Brother Patrick Sheekey, department head and editor of the [now-defunct] *Four Quarters* literary magazine; and John Keenan ['52, Professor Emeritus of English]. These men devoted more time to me than lots of students get in their entire college careers."

That attention paid off. In addition to his memoir of Vietnam, titled *Not Going Home Alone, A Marine's Story*, he is the author of *Henry James and Impressionism*, *Willa Cather and Six Writers from the Great War*, and the

forthcoming biography, *Gouverneur Morris (1752-1816): Author, Statesman, and Man of the World*.

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Colleen McGeehan, '93

VOLUNTEERING FOR GOOD

Good deeds, like ripples spreading outward in a pond, can resonate through generations. Maybe that's the way the idea came to Colleen McGeehan, '93, B.A. in secondary education and mathematics, and a teacher at the Young Women's Leadership School in East Harlem, N.Y. Her idea was that, like her, her students should have the chance to experience volunteer work. After all, during her years at La Salle as part of Campus Ministry, McGeehan had seen for herself the joys of volunteering, of doing "something that was beyond ourselves."

While an undergraduate, her volunteer work had taken her twice to Appalachia during spring breaks. One year, they went "to a work camp for families and kids" in rural Kentucky, she says. "It was a farm cooperative that families used to help cut costs." Another year, she and fellow volunteers worked in West Virginia on a home repair project. "Many coal mining towns had put up ramshackle homes in the 1930s and '40s," she explains. "People still live in them."

So it only seemed natural to McGeehan that, as a teacher, she should help her students get involved, too. "Volunteering in Appalachia was a seminal experience for me. I said to my colleagues, 'we should do this, too.'" Soon, they were taking groups of high school students to Appalachia to work on the same kind of projects McGeehan had experienced while in college. When driving became an issue, "we switched to doing local Habitat for Humanity projects," she says. "Volunteering really enriched my life and my students'. It helped us see each other differently."





As it turns out, much of what McGeehan sees is through the eyes of a volunteer. In fact, it was through the Lasallian Volunteers, a program that places graduates in volunteer programs, that she first came to New York, where she now lives and works. "The people in that program are very interested in social justice," she says. "They opened my eyes to volunteering as a graduate."

People often talk about how Campus Ministry was always a place that allowed people to be themselves," she says, remembering fondly how working with others could hasten achievement of a common goal of helping those in need. "It was a place where you'd meet people you might not get to meet," she explains. "Even though we might have different reasons for volunteering, in the end, everyone was contributing to the same thing."

"I would call myself 'Lasallian,'" she says proudly. At its best, "the Lasallian community means being connected and aware of the world in which you live. It might mean service; it might mean supporting those in service. For me," she explains, "it has meant education."

Daniel Tann, Esq., '82

LEVELING THE FIELD OF DREAMS



Daniel Tann, Esq., '82, from a 1981 Explorer Yearbook photograph with Students' Government Association Officers.

Baseball can be a great teacher. Ask Philadelphia native Daniel Tann, Esq., '82, B.S. in accounting with a concentration in organizational behavior management. "When I was 9 or 10 years old growing up in West Philly next to a park, the city was segregated," he says. "But we never had enough kids for two full baseball teams." Solution: Go to the other side of the park, and invite the Italian kids to join in and "bridge the gap."

One day, he says, "the police were called. They told us—the black kids—that we couldn't play there. That was my first exposure to discrimination. That's when I decided to become a lawyer."

During his undergraduate years at La Salle, Tann wasted no time helping create new institutions on campus, leading the student body through elected office in student government, and bolstering campus awareness of discrimination.

His student government career began "as chair of the Food Service Committee," he explains. Next, he was elected sophomore class senator. In his junior year, he served as Vice President of Business Affairs. In his senior year, vice president of Student Affairs and President of the student senate.

"I was also a founder of the Mu Upsilon chapter of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity at La Salle," he adds. Tann first learned about PBS, one of the historically African American fraternities founded at Howard University in 1914, when he spotted some unfamiliar African American students on campus "handing out information on sickle cell anemia. I had known someone who died of it," he says, "so I stopped to talk to them." They were PBS fraternity brothers from another school, out on a community-based activity. "What they were doing was very hands-on," he says. "That intrigued me."

Elected as the chapter's First President in 1981, he coordinated a comprehensive "Black History Month" program with the Black Students of La Salle (B.S.L.) organization. It would be the first of many social, cultural, and political programs aimed specifically at black students. "The fraternity," he says, "was a great outlet." He also worked with the La Salle Urban Center to interface with community groups to "put an African American face on the University in dealing with community issues," he explains.

"I think today the University tries very hard to work with the community," he says. That's at least partially due to his groundbreaking efforts. And Tann continues to work hard for his alma mater.

A member of the La Salle Alumni Association Board of Directors since he graduated in 1982, he more recently founded the African American Alumni Association. "My major goal is to work for more scholarships for African American students at La Salle," he says. To that end, in 2000, "we formally endowed the Warren E. Smith, M.D., '54, Scholarship, which is named for one of the first African American graduates of La Salle's pre-med program."

"I was always taught that if you get to a place in your life where you can help others," he says, "you are obligated to help." La Salle's founder couldn't have put it better.

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LA SALLE'S BOYS ^{A_ND} GIRLS OF SUMMER

BY JON CAROULIS AND ROBERT HOFFMAN, '01

SUMMER IS MANY THINGS; AMONG THEM, VACATIONS, make-up courses, and, of course, baseball.

Several La Salle University alums are involved with baseball, doing just about everything but swinging a bat.

When, once upon a time, a TV professional asked **Leigh McDonald Tobin, '87**, to name her dream job, she didn't hesitate.

"PR director for the Phillies," she said.

Dreams do come true.

Since 1990, Tobin has been a Phillies employee, and is now in charge of the team's media relations. But being a fan and an employee are different experiences.

"Once you start, you're awed (being around players). It was the weirdest feeling. Mike Schmidt was my hero growing up, and there he was. In the hallways, I'd hear (announcer) Harry Kalas' voice behind me. It all becomes reality instead of a fantasy," she says. Working in the team's new stadium this season "has been awesome."

In 1997, for the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's charge through baseball's race barrier, his widow, Rachel, attended the unveiling of a Philadelphia mural of her husband by **David McShane, '88**.

The three-story work on North Broad Street, a few miles south of La Salle, depicts Robinson stealing home in the 1955 World Series.

"So often, I've seen images and likenesses of my husband," Mrs. Robinson said at the unveiling. "When I look up at this mural, that's him."

McShane was a biology major, but always dabbled in painting. Later, he studied and pursued art full time, and when the director of Philadelphia's mural program asked if he would do one on Robinson, he accepted.



June 2001 was not going to be easy for **Dennis Lehman, '73**, Executive Vice President for Business Affairs of the Cleveland Indians. He got his start in baseball working for the Philadelphia Phillies, and thanks to inter-league play, the two teams faced each other in Cleveland.

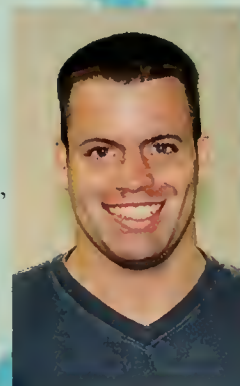
"I certainly had mixed feelings about it," he says.

Lehman started working for the Phillies on summer vacations in high school. When the club moved to Veterans Stadium in 1971, he ran the scoreboard for the Phillies and the Eagles.

Because most games were at night, Lehman finished his education at La Salle during the day, obtaining a degree in political science. He was also moving up the Phillies ladder, working on the financial side. In 1988, the Indians offered him a position in which he'd be responsible for all revenue operations.

Even though he's only 25, **Kevin Ibach, '00**, has been a baseball lifer. His father was a sports writer and worked for the Chicago Cubs. Ibach played baseball at La Salle, got an internship with the Baltimore Orioles, and is now the club's Baseball Operations Assistant, in which he works with major league and minor league players in a variety of roles.

"I would love to eventually get into coaching. I always tell people when and if the Orioles win the World Series, and I have that ring on my finger, I'll be more than happy to hang it up no matter what position I have. Having a World Series ring would be the ultimate goal. I don't know if I could beat that, so why not give something back to the game?"





Making Rounds Worldwide

BY KIMBERLY MACALISTER,
M.A. '04

IN A SMALL, CONGESTED ROOM WITH LITTLE LIGHT AND a lack of modern equipment, miracles are performed and people's lives are forever changed.

Despite the less-than-ideal conditions, Roger Bucs, M.D., '64, and a team of other volunteers from the World Surgical Foundation, Inc., work at a frantic pace correcting cleft lips, accessing and removing lumps and bumps the size of grapefruits, performing mastectomies, hysterectomies, thyroidectomies, and whatever else they can handle in a week's time.

On average, Bucs and his team complete 200 surgeries on their missions to some of the poorest countries in the world.

"We go wild and work like mad while we are there," Bucs said.

The World Surgical Foundation, Inc., formerly known as the World Mission of Central Pennsylvania, strives to provide health care for the underprivileged in Third World countries.

"For me, this is the ultimate," said Bucs, an anesthesiologist with Riverside Anesthesiology Associates in Harrisburg, Pa. "I always thought missionary work would

be the most satisfying thing you could do in the field of medicine. It is pure patient care and the only reason to go on these missions is because you care about people. And these people truly appreciate our being there."

Despite his several missions, which have included trips to the Philippines, Honduras, India, and Thailand, Bucs is always overwhelmed by the reception his group receives.

"Hundreds of people are lined up waiting for us to arrive. Many have traveled for days to get there," he said.

According to Bucs, the foundation does perform some difficult surgeries, but because of the conditions, none of extreme risk. "A few lives are saved, and the quality of life for many is improved," he said. "For example, our patients with cleft lips are outcasts, but with corrective surgery, their lives are completely changed."

Bucs became involved with the former World Mission of Central Pennsylvania in 1997 shortly after it was organized. The foundation's goal is to perform one major mission per year. Upcoming missions include Bangladesh and a trip back to the Philippines. The foundation also supplies equipment to other organizations performing similar missionary work.

"Many countries don't have adequate public health

systems,” said Bucs, who is on the Board of Directors for the World Surgical Foundation, Inc. “In the Philippines, for example, if a patient has an emergency, it’s taken care of. But once the emergency is over, if that patient can’t pay for care, that is the end of it. We’ve closed colostomies for people that have had them for 20 years.”

Preparing for a mission is just as much work as participating in it. Funds need to be raised to pay for expenses such as shipping equipment and medication. The 40 or so volunteers who go on each mission pay for their own expenses. Participants include anesthesiologists, surgeons, recovery room and operating room nurses, and non-medical volunteers. The volunteers not specifically trained in medicine help coordinate the trip, and while on missions, they assist in sterilizing equipment and maintaining records.

In addition to raising money, the organization also needs to coordinate with the host country the shipping and receiving of supplies.

The World Surgical Foundation, Inc., has a warehouse that stores older equipment such as x-ray and anesthesia machines, IV poles, and operating beds donated by hospitals and doctors’ offices. Prior to leaving on a mission, the host country is asked to fill out an equipment wish list.

“We find out what our next location will need, and we go to our warehouse and try to fill their requests with what we collected,” Bucs said.

Regardless of how much equipment the foundation can supply, the team of volunteers is still working under poverty-stricken conditions, which often call for some ingenuity.

“We do the best we can with what we have, but we often lack basic equipment we take for granted in the United States. So, at times, we do things very primitively,” Bucs said. “I once put together a self-made anesthesia machine. The wonders of duct tape—I felt

like MacGyver.”

Perhaps one of the most essential and basic of supplies that doctors lack is blood. Bucs recalls an incident where a patient had lost 30 percent of her blood volume and was in desperate need of a transfusion. Volunteers went out and asked anyone they came across to donate blood because there was literally not a drop in the hospital.

“The blood bank consisted of an empty refrigerator,” Bucs said. “Police officers donated, and, luckily, they were the right blood type—she made it.”

In spite of—or perhaps because of—the health care environment existing in the host countries, Bucs understands the impact he is making.

“We are absolutely needed,” he said. “We bring surgical expertise and care to underserved areas and people where no one else would—or perhaps could.”

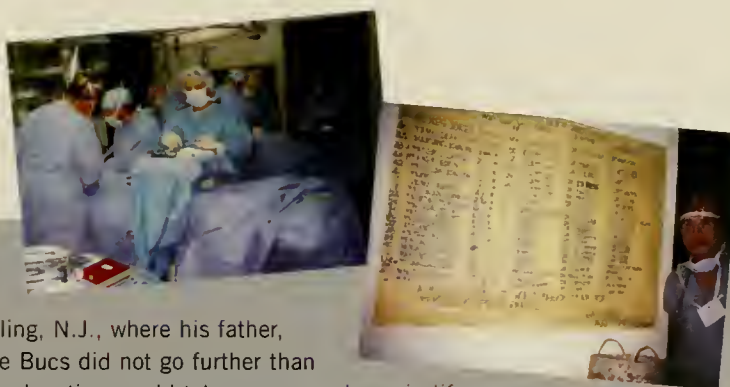
According to Bucs, the need for more missions of this nature is widespread.

“We are always looking for more volunteers to help meet our goals. There is so much need out there, we don’t even put a dent in it,” he said.

Next year, Bucs and his team are planning a trip back to the Philippines. “There is never a shortage of people to help,” he said.

Elaine Bucs has joined her husband on his trips abroad; she sterilizes equipment and assists patients as needed. The Bucs resides in Hershey, Pa. They have four children, and recently welcomed their first grandchild.

For information on how to become a volunteer for the World Surgical Foundation, Inc., visit their Web site at www.worldsurgicalfoundation.org.



Paying Honor

Roger Bucs, M.D., '64, grew up in the small town of Roebling, N.J., where his father, George, worked in a steel mill. Despite the fact that George Bucs did not go further than sixth grade in school, he was a strong believer that a good education would take a person places in life.

He was adamant that his son and daughter go on to college and earn higher education degrees, and both did. After his father died in 1991, Roger Bucs and his brother-in-law Thomas Burke, '60, wanted to find a way to honor him. The two came up with the perfect plan: a scholarship in his name. The George J. Bucs Scholarship originated in 1993, and provides financial assistance to a La Salle student from Florence Township, N.J., where Roebling is located. The scholarship follows the student throughout the course of his or her four years at La Salle, provided the student maintains or exceeds a specified grade point average.

LIVING A GOLFER'S

BY KIMBERLY MACALISTER, M.A. '04



WHEN ASKED HOW OFTEN HE PLAYS GOLF, 74-YEAR-OLD JIM FINEGAN, '51, casually says, "Oh, I play only on days that end in a 'y'."

No one would expect less from the man who is revered as the foremost American authority on golf in Scotland, Ireland, England, and Wales. He makes sure to play nine holes with two golf balls; that way, he gets in his full 18-hole game every day at Philadelphia Country Club.

Finegan has been an avid golfer since he was a boy. He started playing the game when he was 9 years old. Two years later, he began to caddie. Growing up, if he wasn't in school or doing homework, he could be found on the golf course.



After graduating from La Salle in 1951, where he made a name for himself through his academic achievements as well as his golf ability, Finegan spent three and a half years in the Navy. In September of 1956, he started out as a copywriter for Gray & Rogers, a Philadelphia-based advertising agency. With his enthusiasm and creativity, Finegan worked his way up the ranks and was named Chairman and C.E.O. of the company in 1972. In 1977, Finegan became the only golfer inducted into La Salle's Hall of Athletes.

Prior to his retirement from Gray & Rogers in 1990, Finegan began writing pieces for national golf magazines. After he retired and could devote full time to the game he loved, he started writing books.

In all, Finegan has written five books and is currently working on his sixth. His first book is a comprehensive history of golf in Philadelphia, titled, *A Centennial*

Tribute to Golf in Philadelphia. A lifetime member of Pine Valley, he wrote the club history, which was published in 2000.

But, perhaps he is best known for his trilogy of travel books, published by Simon & Schuster, that follow Finegan as he lives a golfer's dream of playing the most highly regarded courses in the British Isles. Though he has played virtually all of the American "shrines," such as Merion, Oakmont, Augusta National, and Pebble Beach, he has not played as widely in the United States as in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

"While many of the greatest courses within the British Isles are already well-known," Finegan said, "it is my pleasure from time to time to discover an unheralded gem, like Cruden Bay in Scotland or Narin & Portnoo in Ireland, and bring it to the attention of the American golfer."

His first two travel books were published in 1996. *Blasted Heath and Blessed Greens* covers the courses of Scotland;

Emerald Fairways and Foam-Flecked Seas embraces golfing in Ireland. Finegan said the last book in the series, *All Courses Great and Small: A Golfer's Pilgrimage to England and Wales*, took seven years to get published because Simon & Schuster believed that, of the hundreds of thousands of annual American visitors to England and Wales, relatively few were there for golf.

Still, Finegan found a host of marvelous courses while researching the England/Wales book, and is optimistic that they will draw American golfers to these two lands.

"The Addington, just outside London, is a great parkland course that the world has very little knowledge of," Finegan said. "And Pennard, in South Wales, is a majestic links course routed through spectacular sand hills."

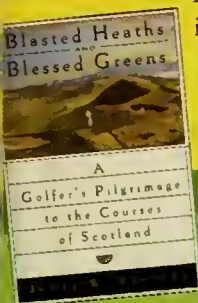
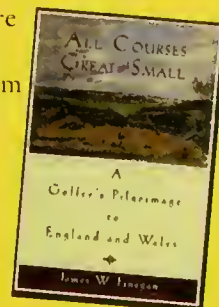
His current book remains untitled, but it finds him back in Scotland and Ireland writing about many of the courses he has already covered.

Instead of a travel guide that one takes on a trip, his

new volume is going to be an oversized coffee table book with "breathtaking" photography to correspond with his words.

So, according to this golf historian, what makes a great golf course?

"Great holes," Finegan said. "There are many courses that can generate considerable tension, but some of them turn out to be obstacle courses rather than golf courses. A golfer wants challenge and excitement, but the degree of difficulty should be reasonable, not ruinous."





COOKING UP SUCCESS

BY CAITLIN MURRAY



RALPH PALLARINO, '94, REMEMBERS PLAYING “hot dog stand” with his brother as a young child in the basement of his family’s Chicago home.

“That’s the earliest memory I have of anything that would give me the impression that maybe owning a restaurant is what I wanted to do,” said the 32-year-old head chef who co-owns two popular Conshohocken, Pa., restaurants.

Now, instead of plastic hot dogs and relish, Chef Pallarino is cooking up innovative dishes of balsamic marinated baby lamb chops with a shallot demi-glaze and, one of his signature creations, lobster macaroni and cheese, which won “Best of Philly” in 2002.

He and two friends, Kim Strengari and Marianne Gere, went into business together four years ago.

“I would always cook dinner for my friends on the weekends,” said Pallarino, who has had no professional culinary training. “They thought I was good, but I didn’t know if I was good enough on that level.” After he cooked for a friend’s birthday party in 1999, party guest Strengari approached him about opening up a small Italian BYOB with Pallarino as the chef.

Their first venture, Bella Luna, was an upscale Italian eatery on the Main Line. In the wake of its success, the trio opened Stella Blu in Conshohocken two years later—the more casual of the sibling restaurants. Though Bella Luna has since closed, Stella Blu has done so well that they decided to open another place a few months ago to accommodate the overflow of reservations. At their newest establishment, the Gypsy Saloon, located across the street from Stella Blu, a variety of fare from ribs and burgers to lobster risotto appear on the menu.

Without having set foot in a culinary school in his life, where does Pallarino get it?

“Growing up in a big Italian family, you can’t help but get involved in the cooking that’s always going on. My grandma was the one who really got me interested. She and my mom always invited me into the kitchen,” recalled the chef, who began cooking at age 10. “I don’t put a ton of thought into it; it just comes naturally to me.”

Do other restaurateurs doubt his “natural” ability in the kitchen? If so, Pallarino doesn’t blame them. “It’s like an actor who doesn’t pay his dues and then gets a gig on *The Sopranos*. I’m sure people get mad—wouldn’t you? But once they taste my food, they can decide for themselves.”

In addition to his restaurants’ success, Pallarino has developed quite a reputation for himself in the culinary world. In fact, he appeared on NBC’s reality show, *The Restaurant*, starring celebrity chef Rocco DiSpirito.

He was recruited by DiSpirito’s business partner, restaurant financier Jeffrey Chodorow, to try out as DiSpirito’s potential replacement in light of recent turmoil between the two.

“He said he heard about me and wanted to taste my food. So he came into my restaurant, and I did a tasting for him and his family,” said Pallarino, who is a big fan of the show. “A month later, I got a call from a mutual friend who said Jeffrey was having problems with Rocco, and asked if I’d be interested in trying out.”

In an episode that aired on May 10, Pallarino, who was described as a “wonder kid,” was shown preparing a multi-course tasting for Chodorow and his associates.

He also starred on the Food Network’s *Date Plate*, a reality dating series in which two eligible bachelors or bachelorettes cook a romantic meal within a fixed budget in the hopes of winning over a blind date. Pallarino’s role was to help the not-so-food-savvy contestants prepare a creative menu and meal.

Having created such a name for himself in the industry, it seems ironic that the restaurateur—a former accounting and finance major—had no intention of following such a career path. “I never had my heart set on being a chef,” he said. Instead, he wanted to go into insurance or finance, which he did after he graduated from La Salle in 1994.

Though he cooks at one of his restaurants just about every night, he never quit his “day job” as an insurance broker, which, he said, has afforded him the luxury of owning his own business and investing in other things. “If I hadn’t learned what I did at La Salle, I would have never been able to start my own business or do any of this.”

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A DIFFERENT KIND OF HERO COMES HOME FROM IRAQ

BY JOHN GROGAN, *INQUIRER* COLUMNIST

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FOR 14 MONTHS, MARIA MURT DID NOT DARE ALLOW herself to dream of the future. Her husband, Tom ['89], a former Upper Moreland Township commissioner, had been plucked from her life to fight in Iraq.

Until she had him safely back home, the future would stay on hold.

She soldiered on, day by day, in her new role as single parent to three children, avoiding news programs and cringing each time the doorbell rang, afraid of the message that might arrive.

Recently, the Upper Moreland woman finally allowed herself to exhale. Standing in Philadelphia International Airport, she saw her soldier husband making his way toward her through the crowd.

"Tom!" she screamed. And they fell into each other's arms, neither able to say a word. Their three children—Katie, 11, Daniel, 9, and Patrick, 6—swarmed around. Murt's father, James, a World War II veteran, was there, too, and so was a color guard from the Willow Grove post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"We were all just so emotional," Tom Murt said from home this week. "We were all crying."

The entire time Murt had been overseas, he was able to speak on the phone with the children just three times. On his first night home, Murt read bedtime stories to them, and the next morning, he helped make their lunches and walked them to the bus stop. "That's what I missed the most," he said, "the simple, everyday parent things."

The hardest part of his deployment was not the scorpions or the pit

toilets or the constant threat of attack. "The really, really hardest part is being away from your loved ones," he said.

As I reported Feb. 23, Staff Sgt. Murt coped with the loneliness and boredom by launching a personal crusade to help the impoverished Iraqi children in the villages around his base. He sent e-mails home to friends and colleagues, asking them to donate whatever they could, and the local community responded in force. By the time he left, Murt had received and distributed more than 200 large boxes of clothing, toys and school supplies. In the process, he befriended hundreds of Iraqi children and built inestimable goodwill.

He could not wait to return to his own family, but part of his heart remains behind with the children he will never forget. "Once you see that kind of poverty," he said, "it's really very hard to stop thinking about it."

But now he is home, and home is where he plans to stay. He [planned to] start back at his job as an instructor and academic adviser at Pennsylvania State University's Abington campus [in the fall]. He said he had no plans to try to regain his seat on the Upper Moreland Board of Commissioners, which he resigned when he was deployed.

"We never expected it to be this long," Maria Murt said of their separation. "But we're together again. We're back as a unit. I just feel so lucky to have him home again."

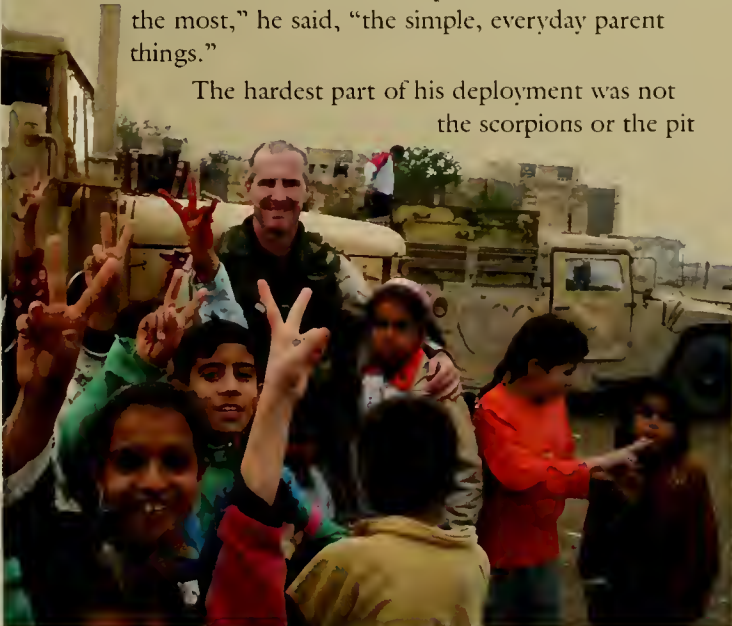
She has seen the flag-draped coffins, and knows how differently their story could have ended.

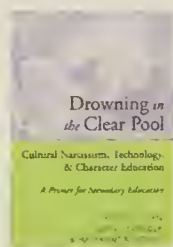
On his first morning home, right after putting the children on the bus to school, Tom and Maria Murt attended 9 a.m. Mass at St. David's Catholic Church in Willow Grove, where they are parishioners. They both had a few things for which to give thanks.

For Murt, the adjustment to civilian life will take time. His appetite is spotty, he continues to sleep fitfully, and loud noises bother him. His wife hopes her home cooking will help him regain some of the 40 pounds he lost in the Iraq desert.

On a recent afternoon, Murt stepped out onto the front porch of the family home to greet yet another well-wisher. His children were clutched around him, not about to let him out of their sight again. It was an American portrait—a soldier home from war, a family made whole again.

Beside him, a large, white banner flapped in the breeze. It read: "Welcome home, Tom. We love you and we are proud of you."





Drowning in the Clear Pool: Cultural Narcissism, Technology, and Character Education by Francis J. Ryan, '69; John J. Sweeder, '71; and Maryanne R. Bednar
Peter Lang Publishing, 2002; 198 pp., \$29.95

With marked increases in school violence, educators have again been called upon to emphasize character education in their classrooms. While diversity of community values has rendered such efforts increasingly problematic, a more fundamental impasse to character education is cultural narcissism. Adolescents influenced by an inflated sense of grandiosity, entitlement, devaluation of others, and self-absorption often dismiss character education as irrelevant or constraining to their "me-centered" lifestyles. To counter cultural narcissism, teachers need to foster character education by developing the moral system (self-understanding, social cognition, moral sentiments, and moral judgment) in each of their students. A creative use of educational technology can help teachers raise moral sensitivity, while simultaneously diluting the negative influences of cultural narcissism that pervades much of contemporary American life. *(from the book jacket)*

Francis J. Ryan, Ed.D., '69, is the director of La Salle University's American Studies Program. He is also a professor in the program and teaches courses in American studies and American history. John J. Sweeder, Ed.D., '71, is a professor in La Salle's Education Department. He teaches educational technology, adolescent development, and methods courses in secondary education. They co-wrote the book with their colleague, a professor of education at La Salle, Maryanne Bednar, Ph.D.

Through Ashley's Eyes by JoAnna Robinson, '81, Xlibris Corporation, 2003; 119 pp., \$20.99

Ashley reveals the abuse and womanizing affairs of Granddad George, which caused her Grandma Susan to leave her hometown of Greenville, S.C., and secretly flee North with her four girls: Lillian, Mary Ann, Sarah, Eva, and two granddaughters.

Lillian is Grandma Susan's oldest daughter. She is an unwed mother of two small girls, Jennifer and Dolores. She was glad to move up North because she knew that it was the only way she was ever going to separate from her first love, William Brooks. Once the family moved, Lillian's life changed. *(excerpted from the book jacket)*



JoAnna Robinson, '81, is new to the writing world. She is currently working on her second book, *Whispers from God: That Still, Small Voice*. She and her husband live in Philadelphia.



The Deafening Silence: A Memoir by Rosemarie Manes, M.A. '87, LMFT
1st Books, 2003; 256 pp., \$12.50

Eleven-year old Rosemary lives in South Philadelphia. She plays hop-scotch, jacks, and ball, and visits her father's produce store, called Mike's. Rosemary loves to watch him tease women, argue with men, and give produce to nuns.

His store bustles with the force of his personality—except when the gangster-looking men arrive. They register as unimportant until Rosemary's father plunges a knife into his chest.

He dies leaving Rosemary's mother with 12 children, the youngest at age three. As word spreads of his suicide in the neighborhood, even Blind Man Joe betrays Rosemary, saying they can no longer be friends.

The family moves to an Irish Catholic neighborhood where the name Pasquarello becomes another obstacle to overcome. Against this background is rage at her father and her mother demanding *The Deafening Silence* surrounding his suicide. Rosemary navigates realities such as going to bed hungry and being a teenager who was forced out to work.

As the young woman's heart emerges and with the encouragement of her fiancé, she challenges *The Deafening Silence*. On Rosemary's wedding day, her mother reveals her family's secrets.

The Deafening Silence is a book about a father's suicide, a mother's indomitable strength, and a daughter's odyssey through the mire of rage and abandonment into a young woman's triumph of love. *(from the publisher)*

Rosemarie Manes, M.A. '87, LMFT, is an executive/personal coach and a licensed marriage and family therapist. Her work with families in private practice has taught her that love is not always enough to ward off the horrors that can beset a family. She lives in the Philadelphia area with her husband, John. Their children, Audrey and John Jr., and grandchildren live nearby.

If you know of a book written by an alum that you'd like us to highlight in a future issue, e-mail Caitlin Murray at murrayc@lasalle.edu.

A SALUTE TO THE CLASS OF 2004



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La Salle President

AN UNLIKELY KINSHIP

BY JON CAROULIS

It was unlikely that Jason Ager, '04, and Joanne Holmes, '04, would have met at La Salle. She was a working grandmother from New Jersey going part-time, usually at night, and he was a young honors student who lived off campus with friends.

Holmes, who is 41, started and stopped her college career several times, taking 17 years to earn her degree in social work. Ager, 21, who says he had things easy, finished in four years, received the senior award for best foreign language student at La Salle, and won a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Austria.

Being a social work major, Holmes was required to do two internships. Being a single parent, spending time at an unpaid internship was not possible, so she found employment at social service agencies and worked her school requirements around her job.

A double major in English and German, Ager wrote a 55-page paper about the late Austrian Jewish writer Leo Perutz's influence on contemporary Viennese writer Doron Rabinovici, which he submitted for the Fulbright. He will continue to study these writers and will teach English for one to two years. (Ager is the 52nd La Salle student to receive a Fulbright since 1965.)



The two met for the first time on a sunny afternoon in April to tape a TV show on La Salle's Channel 56. They chatted non-stop for almost two hours, impressing each other with what they had accomplished.

"She's awesome; I don't know if I could have persevered the way she did," Ager said of Holmes. Ager described the support he got from his parents and his teachers, saying, "The universe was in place for me to succeed."

"He's incredible," said Holmes. "He did what he did because he wanted to do it; no one was pushing him. I work with young people, and you don't often see someone like that as focused as Jason was."

Both found what they needed at La Salle: supportive friends and faculty, and challenges to overcome. They also found a friend in one another that day in April.

A LONG WAY TO MY DIPLOMA

BY MERKHAT SHARIPZHAN, '04

I am 41 years old, and I am from the Republic of Kazakhstan in Central Asia. I have been living and working in one of Europe's most beautiful cities, Prague, since 1995. So, I am a Kazakh, living in the Czech Republic, working for the U.S. Broadcasting Company, and now I can add one more clause—I am a member of La Salle University's alumni.

The world is really shrinking. Who would have thought you could earn a master's degree at a United States university without being in the U.S.A.? Ten years ago, if someone said to me I would be able to do this, I would have been more than surprised.

But it's a reality. May 9, 2004, will remain as one of the most unforgettable days in my life. At La Salle's Commencement in Philadelphia, my name was mentioned at the opening of the ceremony. I stood among my fellow graduates—my classmates—that I have never met. Isn't it amazing? Oh, yes, it is.

Sitting in my row in McCarthy Stadium during the graduation ceremony, I could not believe that I was a part of all of this. My

thoughts brought me back to 1996—the year I first started thinking of enrolling in the Communication and Public Relations Program. All the universities in Prague only offered M.B.A. courses in the evenings. I was not interested in earning an M.B.A., but there were no other courses offered by any of the schools in Prague.

I work for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, as Director of the Kazakh Broadcasting Service. So, among dozens of target countries, we broadcast to Kazakhstan, a very controversial former Communist Central Asian country of 15 million. Corruption and dictatorship are major characteristics of the country's current regime. Every day at work is a fight for democracy and human rights. Current Kazakh youth and their orientation in the drastically changing world is another issue to be taken under consideration in our everyday work.

Taking all that into account, one can easily suggest that the mission of the 51-year-old company I work for is crucial. In such circumstances, one of the most important challenges faced by my service is the changing media market in the target country of Kazakhstan.

In 2002, I was lucky to learn that the University of New York

A TOWER OF STRENGTH

BY KIMBERLY MACALISTER, M.A. '04

As Cathy Carchidi, '04, stood in a foot of water in her basement, she looked up and said, "God, I have been through the fire and the flood, but I will not do the locusts."

The flood, caused by Hurricane Floyd, is one of three major tragedies Carchidi has endured, including a devastating fire, and the unexpected death of her mother.

But through it all, Carchidi fought back. She relied on her family, her faith, and her fortitude to stay focused and never lose sight of her goals—which included earning her bachelor's degree—after 38 years in the making.

"There were a lot of obstacles, and, at times, I felt like I would never make it," Carchidi said "But through tragedy, you can become a tower of strength that you never thought possible."

Carchidi's quest began when, as a senior in high school, she volunteered to fill a teacher shortage in the city's Catholic school system. She began taking required elementary education classes at a local college.

But in 1970, when she was only 22, Carchidi's mother died suddenly of a heart attack at the age of 45. One of seven children, Carchidi and her sister Joan took on the responsibility of raising their younger brothers and sisters who ranged in age from five to 13 years old.

"I had to center on my family," Carchidi said. "They needed me and I needed them."

By 1976, her siblings were a little older, and Carchidi was



able to enroll at La Salle, changing her major to religion. She continued for two years, and completed 16 courses while working full-time and tending to her brothers and sisters.

Carchidi had her first child in 1979, and, as a single mother, money was tight; once again, she had to take time off from school. After marrying in 1984 and having a second child, Carchidi took courses at La Salle when she could. But tragedy struck again.

On January 31, 1996, at 1:40 a.m., Carchidi's family was awakened by the sound of smoke alarms. She and her husband rescued their three children from their beds and safely evacuated the house. A faulty gas fireplace installed just 21 days earlier caused the fire.

"We literally lost everything including our family dog, Princess. I never thought we would get past it, but as a family, we pulled through. We prayed, we went to counseling, and we somehow moved on with the overwhelming support that we received from so many people," she said.

Carchidi resumed classes at St. Charles Seminary in 2000. It was then that Hurricane Floyd hit, and her home was flooded.

"We were left picking up the pieces once again," she said.

Carchidi did pick up the pieces and continued on. She enrolled at La Salle in the fall of 2002.

"I wanted to graduate from La Salle. I had a tremendous experience there. The faculty always stood by me and I am forever

in Prague had started a new graduate program in Professional Communication and Public Relations. Life consists of coincidences. I learned about the program from my colleague about two months after officials of the U.S. Broadcasting Board of Governors, the U.S. official body working with U.S. Broadcasting Abroad, introduced us to their new concept called: "Marrying Mission to the Market." In other words, not only our programs' contents, but also the competitive environment in the target countries turned to become of great importance. Needless to say, I decided to jump into the University of New York in

Prague's program immediately.

Later, I learned that the program was through La Salle University. From the very first module at the University, I have never regretted that I decided to enroll. It was not an easy year, though: late Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays; my two daughters protesting my absence on weekends; my precious wife's hard work to help me with my studies. All of that is behind me now.

Two months before the graduation ceremony at La Salle, I spent one month in Kazakhstan. The knowledge I have received at La Salle was very useful. I applied as much as I could while there. Five television shows, press conferences, and special programs with local newspapers surely raised the awareness about our programs among the population of Kazakhstan.

We are moving forward with the rapidly changing world. Surely, La Salle helped me to make my move forward more dynamic and more successful. Thank you, La Salle! Thank you, University of New York in Prague!

Front: Merkhat Sharipzhan, '04; Rear, from left: Patrice Oppliger, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Communication; Iwona Kusztal, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Communication; Lynne Texter, Ph.D., Chair of the Communication Department; Michael Smith, Ph.D., Director of the Graduate Program in Professional Communication; and Brother Gerry Molyneux, F.S.C., Ph.D., '58, Director, M.A. in Professional Communication and Public Relations, Prague.



grateful for all of their support," she said.

On her graduation day, Carchidi's husband, three children, and the brothers and sisters she helped raise were there to celebrate with her.

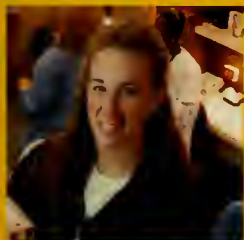
"Oh, I cried," she said. "But they were happy tears this time."

Carchidi has two more years left before retiring as Supervisor at Lawncrest Recreation Center, where she has worked for the past 18 years.

"I get paid to help people recreate their minds, hearts, and spirits. But now with my degree, after I retire, I may be able to go back to the other job that sparked my heart—teaching," she said.

CHANGING LIVES/ TOUCHING LIVES

BY KIMBERLY MACALISTER, M.A. '04



"With this degree, I have the potential to touch someone's life and change it for the better every day," said Megan Rafferty, '04, who earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at this May's Commencement.

Ever since she was a little girl, Rafferty said she wanted to be a nurse. But she never had her own reasons for wanting to pursue the profession, until she entered La Salle and started getting first-hand experience.

"My mom worked in a hospital as an x-ray technician. When I

was little, I thought that was nursing, and I wanted to do what my mom was doing," Rafferty said.

As she got older, Rafferty understood that her mom wasn't a nurse, but she decided to go with her instincts. "I had been saying I wanted to be a nurse for so long; I just stuck with it," she said.

Rafferty persevered and earned the academic nursing award for having the highest G.P.A. in the day school's Nursing Program. On top of excelling academically, she also discovered the answer to the question she was often asked.

"I never fully understood why I wanted to be a nurse until I started working with patients," she said. "It is easy to say that you want to be a nurse so you can help people, but nurses don't just help people—they touch and affect their lives—and patients do the same for nurses."

Since graduation, Rafferty is working at Abington Hospital in the orthopedic unit. She deals with a variety of patients, from those suffering bone trauma due to car accidents or falls, to those who voluntarily elect for surgery such as knee and hip replacements.

"My patients are in pain, and it is my job to make them comfortable," she said. "Every little thing you do for a patient is to make their stay in the hospital a little more bearable."

While at La Salle, Rafferty participated in community service activities such as Project Appalachia, where instead of soaking up the sun on Spring Break, students travel to Kentucky and build homes for the poor. "It was an amazing experience that helped with my career because it enhanced my compassion for others," she said.

"La Salle's Nursing Program gave me the intense training I need to succeed in this field, and I am excited to be out working and putting my skills to the test," she said.

DESPITE PHYSICAL OBSTACLES, TIMOTHY DUFFY GRADUATES FROM LA SALLE WITH AN ACCOUNTING JOB WAITING FOR HIM

BY JORDAN BURKE, '04

Like his La Salle University classmates, senior accounting major Timothy Duffy, '04, read the instructor's comments on the blackboard during class. He just used a monocular, which looks like a tiny telescope.

The Levittown, Pa., resident is legally blind but driven enough to pursue his passion for accounting.

"I have strong prescription glasses, and I use the monocular to see the blackboard. For the computer, I use larger fonts," says Duffy. "I am legally blind, but I can see. My vision is hard to explain to people, because I don't know what 20/20 really is. I will never know, but everything is clear."



Timothy Duffy Jr., '04 (left), celebrated his graduation from La Salle with his parents, Timothy Sr., and Patricia. Duffy is legally blind, but driven to pursue a degree in accounting. He graduated with 3.69 G.P.A. (magna cum laude) and was a member of the crew team for three years. He is now employed with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

La Salle classmates have helped him take notes, but he also has the excellent support of the Accounting Department.

"[Being an accounting major] was a fun experience. The teachers made it even better because they willingly worked one-on-one with the students," Duffy said. "The entire department

basically would bend over backwards to make sure that I could understand everything."

"Tim did the things that every student should do, whether they're vision impaired or not," says Mary Jeanne Welsh, Ph.D., chair of the La Salle Accounting Department, who had Duffy for two courses. "If he was reviewing for an examination and didn't

understand something, he came in and asked me about it. We went over the material."

"Tim is very focused," she said.

Since attending high school, Duffy has enjoyed accounting; he finally decided to pursue it as a career. He will cash in on years of schooling and hard work after he graduates and begins a job at PricewaterhouseCoopers, an international accounting firm with its local office at 20th and Market streets in Philadelphia.

"I worked as an intern last summer in the tax department there, and after the internship ended, they extended me an offer for full-time employment once I graduated" recalls Duffy.

"I fit in great with the people at PwC," he says. "I felt I had a good connection with all of the people in the firm. I really sensed that I fit well with PwC's culture."

Duffy is also an athlete, and since freshman year, he has rowed for La Salle's crew team. Although he was admittedly not the greatest at the sport, Duffy enjoyed the exercise and challenge of crew.

But in order to maintain his high grades, Duffy reluctantly left the team this past year to concentrate on schoolwork.

"It was a hard decision," he explains, "because I had started since freshman year, so it became a big part of my life. I really enjoy the sport though, and I would like to row for a club team for fun after I graduate."

Duffy has many goals, including learning more about his profession.

"Hopefully, with working at PwC, my knowledge of accounting will increase so that I can move up the ranks. My ultimate goal is to one day become a partner in the firm," says Duffy.

Great expectations. But his passion to achieve does not end with his professional life.

"As of right now, I am unable to drive," Duffy says. "But I feel that one day I will be able to. With all of the new technology continually developing, anything is possible."



It took her eight years, but La Salle employee Wanda Mayhugh, '04 (right), earned her degree in social work from La Salle in January and "walked" at this May's Commencement ceremony. Sharing the moment with her are her daughter, Shereese Pearsall, '02 (center), who traveled from Atlanta to see her mom in cap and gown, and Joanne Holmes, '04 (left), a good friend who also graduated with a degree in social work.

BY THE NUMBERS:

- 1,256** The number of graduates who received their degrees at La Salle University's 141st Commencement Exercises on May 9, 2004
- 14** The number of graduates who were accepted to health professional schools, including 12 to medical school, one to podiatry school, and one to dental school
- 98** The percentage rate of acceptance of La Salle alumni into medical school over the past 20 years

Chair of La Salle University's Board of Trustees James J. Lynch, '71 (left), and La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '7D (right), confer an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters upon Brother Armin Altamirano Luistro, F.S.C. Br. Armin was recently appointed President of De La Salle University in Manila and is the former Provincial of the Brothers' District of the Philippines. He is noted for his work creating education ministries that serve the poor in the Philippines, focusing especially on the needs of at-risk street children. He also helped to lead the expansion of the Brothers' missionary presence in the Pacific-Southeast Asia region and is founding co-chair of the De La Salle Catholic University of Manado in Indonesia.



Peter Terpeluk Jr., '7D, U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at La Salle's Commencement. Ambassador Terpeluk began his career in public service as a town manager in two southeastern Pennsylvania townships and later joined the U.S. Small Business Administration, where he led trade missions to the United Kingdom, Russia, and China, and rose to the position of Acting Deputy Administrator. Prior to his diplomatic appointment in April 2002, he served as Executive Director of the Greater Philadelphia Economic Corporation, where he worked closely with government and business leaders to spur economic growth in the Philadelphia region.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF GIANTS

Tom McAllister Accepted into Prestigious Iowa Writers' Workshop

BY JORDAN BURKE, '04

John Irving. Flannery O'Connor. Raymond Carver. Tom McAllister. Tom McAllister? What do they have in common? The first three are well-known writers who graduated from the University of Iowa's Writers' Workshop. McAllister, a 2004 graduate, was recently accepted into the prestigious Iowa program.

"After I got accepted, a professor [who also graduated from Iowa's writing program] told me that statistically, the Iowa Writers' Workshop is harder to get into than M.I.T.," McAllister said. "It was a huge relief. After being rejected by three other schools, I was losing confidence. I guess I was relieved at first, followed by a rush of excitement."

"The only reason I applied to Iowa was because Dr. [Vincent] Kling ['68] made me, and I figured it was worth a shot," he said.

"Admission to a highly coveted place in the Iowa Writers' Workshop is based mainly on a writing sample, so it's obvious that Tom's ability is what won him this distinction," says Kling, a professor of English at La Salle. "Having worked with Tom on the writing project that earned him his admission, I can testify—as a reader only, but a very avid one—to the skill that brought content and form to such a level of mature artistry."

This past semester at La Salle, McAllister worked with Kling to complete an honors project that included five short stories. He sent in three of those stories, "The Burial," "Sleeping Troubles," and "Cooking the Sacred Cow," with his application to Iowa.

McAllister's stories are set in Roxborough in different time periods. He says that nothing really extraordinary ever happens, nothing really shocking.

"I try to get a picture for real life and show it to the reader," he says. "Then I just leave the judgments up to the reader."

"Sleeping Troubles," for example, is about a female oncology nurse who is forced to deal with the death of her husband when he is diagnosed with cancer.

McAllister says he has been writing since high school, but not seriously. He began to focus more on his creative writing during his junior year of college, and switched his major to the English Department's writing program.

"I like the feeling I get right after I finish writing something I think is good," McAllister says. "My family always says it's good. But it's an even better feeling when an unbiased reader thinks it's really good. That's a great feeling."

McAllister says that his writing is greatly influenced by the novelist Chris Offutt. Justin Cronin, a former professor of creative writing at La Salle University, recommended Offutt to him.

"You can definitely see Offutt's influence in the dialogue of my writing," McAllister said.

McAllister's family has also encouraged his writing.

"My dad used to read a lot, like five or six books a week," McAllister remembers. "He would get me reading them after he was finished, and then I started writing on my own. I guess I realized I might be pretty good and went from there."

The support of the La Salle faculty has greatly helped McAllister.

"Dr. Kling is just great for encouragement," McAllister said. "He keeps you focused and working hard. He also had some really great ideas to improve my stories. Most importantly, though, he is an educated friend who really helps me out."

McAllister begins school at Iowa this fall. He has many goals for the future.

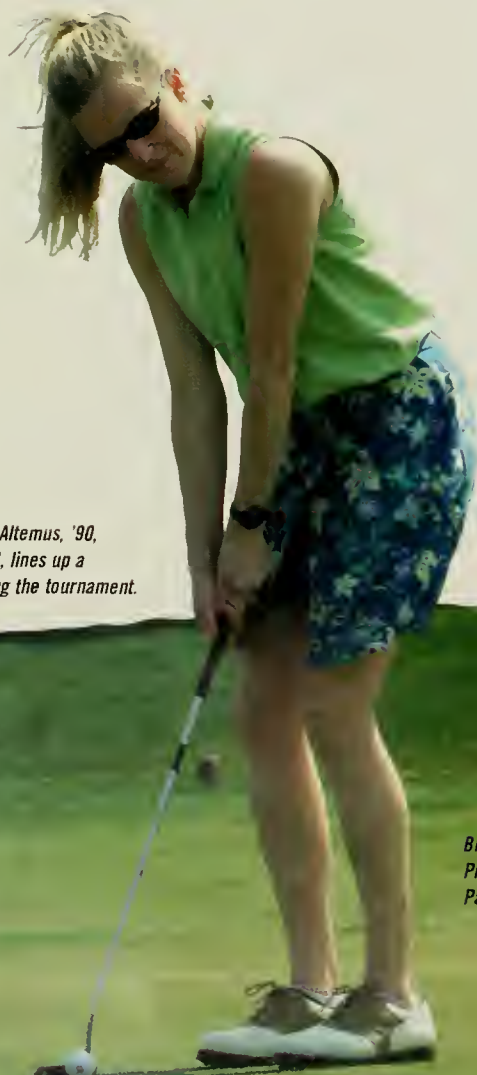
"Ultimately, I would like to write," he says, "but I plan to teach creative writing in college so that I can have free time to continue my writing and also financial security. I have to pay the bills."



(From left) Tom McAllister, '04, and Stephen Smith, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English

President's Cup 2004: A Hit Once Again

More than 230 alumni, parents, and friends of La Salle turned out for the sixth annual President's Cup Golf Tournament at the Blue Bell Country Club on April 19. All proceeds from the event—which totaled \$222,000—benefit scholarship and financial aid resources for La Salle students. Hosted and sponsored by Elmer F. (Bud) Hansen Jr., '58, and Bud Hansen III, '90, M.B.A. '96, the day's events included golf, team prizes, individual skills awards, live and silent auctions, and a raffle drawing. Nicholas A. Giordano, '65, served as master of ceremonies.



Courtney Altemus, '90, M.B.A. '96, lines up a putt during the tournament.

La Salle's Newest Graduate Program: History

La Salle University's History Department will offer a brand new master's degree program beginning this fall. The program has two tracks: the traditional M.A. in History and an M.A. in History for Educators.

"The timing was right," said Charles Desnoyers, Ph.D., Chair of the History Department. "Plus, many of our history students have told us they love La Salle, and they want to stay here. Now, with this degree, they can."

George Stow, Ph.D., will direct the program. The curriculum was designed by Desnoyers, Stow, and Francis Ryan, '69, Ed.D., Director of La Salle's American Studies Program.

"What makes this program unique is that we're blending traditional readings courses with primary-source-based, historical analysis courses," Ryan said. "And the track for educators is not just

for teachers. The degree can be used by museum specialists, archivists, and those planning careers in public history."

Desnoyers, Stow, and Ryan say that the La Salle program is one of the first

graduate history programs in the nation that has core requirements in oral history, visual history, material culture, and archival analysis, in addition to traditional readings courses.

The education track is also

innovative, combining the content of history—the historical works themselves—with methods of how to teach history. The track will help middle and secondary school teachers maintain active certification status and reach the "highly qualified teacher" category.

The program offers concentrations in American history, European history, and world history.



Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70, La Salle President, poses with the winning foursome. (From left) Pat Murray, '99, Pat Killian, Ted Friel, and Kirk Brinton.



Tom McGowan, '76 (center, holding paddle), bids for an item during the live auction.

SLHS Receives Foundation Support, Other Grants Awarded

A local charitable foundation has awarded La Salle University's Speech-Language-Hearing Science (SLHS) Program a three-year grant of approximately \$300,000 to educate speech-language pathology graduate students to work with the region's oral-deaf community and to establish a link between the La Salle and the Clarke Pennsylvania Auditory/Oral Center in Bryn Mawr, Pa. An oral-deaf person is someone who uses speech rather than sign language as his or her major mode of communication.

"Few programs in Speech-Language Pathology in the nation and none in this area educate Speech-Language Pathology students specifically to care for the needs of the oral-deaf community," says Barbara Amster, Ph.D., Director of La Salle's SLHS Program.

The grant will be used to provide partial scholarships for SLHS students; fund a full-time faculty member who will have a joint appointment at the Clarke Pennsylvania Auditory/Oral Center and La Salle; provide teaching and laboratory equipment; design and implement a course to educate students on meeting the needs of the oral-deaf community; and transform existing undergraduate Speech-Language-Hearing Science courses into a Web-based, distributive learning format.

One aim of the grant is to educate more Speech-Language Pathology students on how to facilitate speech in deaf individuals using a process called the auditory-oral approach. "It's a wonderful method, but Speech-Language Pathologists usually aren't trained in this technique, so we want to increase the number of persons who can serve the needs of the oral-deaf community," Amster said. "Given the appropriate educational opportunities, Speech-Language Pathologists who are trained in the auditory-oral method can

make a huge difference in the speech communication capabilities of oral-deaf people."

NEWCOMBE FOUNDATION

In addition, The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation has awarded La Salle University a \$29,000 grant to provide financial assistance for non-traditional women students over the age of 25 who are halfway through their college education. Five thousand dollars of the grant is intended as a challenge to the University to seek an equal amount in matching funds from other donors to build the existing Newcombe Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Elizabeth Heenan, Director of La Salle's Continuing Studies Program, said, "Through my personal experience, I know that this grant has made a significant difference in the lives of our women students. It enables them to continue on with their goal of obtaining a college degree."

"This grant is more than just being recognized for academic achievement. It really makes a difference as to whether or not these students are able to continue their education," Heenan added.

Each year, about 20 women students at La Salle receive aid from the Newcombe Foundation. Since 1981, the foundation has provided nearly \$500,000 in grants to La Salle students.

THE SALLIE MAE FUND

The University also received a \$20,000 grant from The Sallie Mae Fund of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region to provide scholarship assistance to students in La Salle's Bilingual Undergraduate Studies for Collegiate Advancement (BUSCA) Program during the 2004-05 academic year.

BUSCA (which means "to search for"

in Spanish) is designed to provide students who primarily speak Spanish with the opportunity to pursue a university education while gradually learning English. Students take their "content" courses for the first two years in Spanish, while they take (for credit) English as a Second Language. They are then able to begin taking other regular university courses in English. Students will receive an associate's degree and are automatically accepted at La Salle to continue for their bachelor's degree.



La Salle to Offer Graduate Psychology Classes at Gwynedd-Mercy College

La Salle University and Gwynedd-Mercy College officials recently signed an agreement to offer La Salle's Master of Arts in Clinical-Counseling Psychology program at Gwynedd-Mercy College beginning in Fall 2004. Gwynedd-Mercy already offers La Salle's M.B.A. Program on its campus. From left (front row): Dr. Denise Wilbur, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Gwynedd-Mercy College; and Thomas Keagy, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, La Salle University; (back row) Walter Griffin, Vice President for Finance, Gwynedd-Mercy College; and Dr. John Rooney, '46, Director of the Master of Arts program in Clinical-Counseling Psychology, La Salle University and Gwynedd-Mercy.

La Salle Student Government Lauded as Nationwide Model

The La Salle University Students' Government Association (S.G.A.) received top honors as *Student Leader* magazine's Spring 2004 cover story. The magazine called the association a model for other student governments nationwide.

"La Salle's S.G.A. has made extraordinary progress in building relationships with their administration this year," the magazine's editors said in a statement. "With a population of only 5,500, the strength of La Salle's community depends on students having close, personal bonds with faculty and staff members. Joseph J. Cicala [Ph.D., '79, Dean of Students and S.G.A. advisor] has worked together with S.G.A. officials to strengthen the relationships between the students and the administration."

The magazine's statement also quoted Bill Wiegman, '04, S.G.A. president for the 2003-04 school year: "Students come to La Salle because they see that they can build these sorts of relationships with the faculty,"

Wiegman said. "We just take those relationships to another level with staff and administration."

Student Leader also noted that La Salle's S.G.A. "realized that the majority of La Salle's population didn't grasp how much work administrators were doing on the students' behalf. In response, S.G.A. helped create a weekly newsletter of meeting minutes and announcements to keep students informed about what's going on in the administration."

Frank Ciaburri, '04, who was an executive S.G.A. senator, was quoted as saying, "Many students recognize that the people running their school are working for them and not against them."

Students Support Rape Kit Awareness

Sometimes all it takes is a little exposure to get people involved in a cause. Mary Ellen Balchunis-Harris, Assistant Professor of Political Science at La Salle University, showed her Women In Politics class a segment of *The Oprah Winfrey Show* that depicted a national problem: unexamined rape kits sitting on police department shelves while rape suspects continued to prey upon new victims. Rape kits contain DNA and other potential material evidence gathered from a rape victim.



Philadelphia District Attorney Lynn Abraham

Moved by what they saw, the class took it upon themselves to organize an event to create awareness and raise funds to analyze rape kits more efficiently and effectively. On April 16, 2004, in conjunction with Women Organized Against Rape, Balchunis-Harris' class hosted a conference entitled Saving Women's Lives: Support Funding to Process Rape Kits, on campus.

Speakers included Lt. Michael Boyle of the Philadelphia Police Department's Special Victims Unit, and Lynn Abraham, District Attorney of Philadelphia, who explained the power of DNA evidence and the importance of quickly processing rape kits so that suspects are apprehended before they attack again. The conference raised awareness on campus, and the profits went to various organizations and the Office of the District Attorney to support rape kit analysis.



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La Salle Fraternity Helps Family in Need

A comedy show held by La Salle University's Sigma Phi Lambda fraternity raised nearly \$2,000 for the family of Alexis Santiago, a La Salle student from the Olney neighborhood who died from injuries sustained in a house fire last fall.

According to the police, the fire was caused by arson. Santiago and several relatives perished, and the home was destroyed. For a short while, the surviving family members were living in a church basement.

Santiago, a freshman in La Salle's Bilingual Undergraduate Studies for Collegiate Advancement (BUSCA) Program at the time, died three days after the fire. The BUSCA program is designed for Spanish-speaking students

who want to gradually learn English while earning their bachelor's degrees.

"Since 1935, Sigma Phi Lambda has been a La Salle fraternity," said fraternity member Adam Voisard. "Alexis Santiago was a student in the La Salle BUSCA Program, and, thus, a member of the Lasallian community. When we became aware that the Santiago family, members of the Lasallian community, were in need, we decided to provide whatever help we could to the family."

Three comedians—Chris Morris, Eric Roth, and David Kayle—performed at the University's Dan Rodden Theatre. In addition to ticket sales, the fraternity accepted contributions to help the family.



TOM GOLA ARENA

La Salle's new athletics logo was recently added to the Tom Gola Arena floor in Hayman Hall. The center-court version, which carries on the tradition of blue and gold, features the Explorer mascot along with the University name.

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Alumni Celebrate at Reunion Weekend 2004

Over 525 alumni and guests gathered on May 14 and 15 for Reunion 2004. The weekend's festivities, which included campus tours, class dinners, live music, and a simulated Night in Vegas, kept all generations entertained.

Reunion Weekend kicked off on Friday night with a concert on the main quad featuring the band Speed. It was a hit with the young alumni crowd. Then, the casual atmosphere of Saturday's family picnic and kids' carnival was a main attraction for the many alumni who brought their families back to campus.

Themed class dinners enabled alumni to catch up with old friends while sitting down to a beautifully prepared meal. The 50th, 45th, 40th, and 25th reunion classes enjoyed fine dining at the elegant plated dinners selected for them, while the rest of the classes celebrated New Orleans-style with a festive Mardi Gras buffet, complete with Baton Rouge rib eye and bourbon chocolate pecan tarts.

"Our class had a great turnout," said

Jim Morris, '79, Senior Vice President at SEI Investments, who celebrated his 25th reunion. "I saw a lot of old friends, and thought everything was really well done."

It was the first time Chris Bentz, '89, teacher and coach at Lancaster Catholic High School, who celebrated his 15th year reunion, attended reunion festivities. He and his wife arrived just in time for Saturday's family picnic and took advantage of the overnight accommodations provided by the University.

"It was a great 24-hour experience. The food and activities were excellent," Bentz said.

"My wife and I loved the Night in Vegas. We had a great time, and we aren't going to wait as long to come back."

Plans are already underway for Reunion 2005. Please contact the Alumni Office at 215.951.1535 to get involved.



Renowned Professor of Philosophy, John Caputo, '62, Accepts Prestigious Appointment at Syracuse University

After 36 years as a professor of philosophy at Villanova University, renowned philosopher John Caputo, '62, will join the faculty at Syracuse University as the Thomas J. Watson Professor of Religion and Humanities.

Caputo's work in the field of continental European philosophy has earned him national recognition. In all, he has authored or edited 14 books and published more than 100 articles and book chapters.

In the past three years, two books about

his thought have appeared.

According to Richard B. Pilgrim, Associate Professor and Chair of the Religion Department at Syracuse, "This is a real coup for Syracuse University and the Department of Religion. Jack works at the intersection of religion and philosophy. His name and notoriety will attract students in both disciplines."

After earning his bachelor's degree from La Salle, Caputo went on to

earn his master's degree from Villanova

and his doctorate from Bryn Mawr College. He has spent his entire professional career at Villanova, and is responsible for starting its doctoral program in philosophy in 1993.

Although he taught in Villanova's philosophy department, Caputo always had a special interest in the tradition of religious theory and the philosophy of religion.

"It is difficult to pull up roots after 36 years," Caputo said. "But I am looking forward to teaching a new audience at Syracuse. Rather than only teaching students earning philosophy degrees, I will be teaching students earning doctorates in religion as well."

"It should be a nice adventure," Caputo added.

"I have a good six or seven teaching years left in me," Caputo said. "My appointment at Syracuse is a wonderful thing to do at the end of my career."



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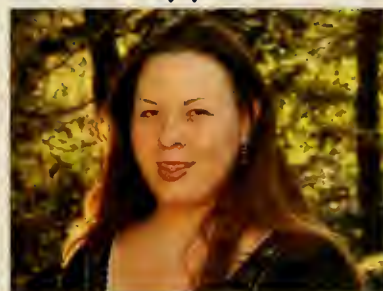


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ENGLISH DEPARTMENT REUNION

On April 4, 2004, the English Department hosted a get-together for alumni and past and present faculty to reconnect. The department's first reunion was held five years ago. Based on the success of these two events, the department intends to continue hosting reunions in five-year increments. This year, an estimated 150 guests attended the event held in La Salle's Ballroom. Top left: Kevin J. Harty, Ph.D., Chair of the English Department; Tom Keagy, Ph.D., Dean of Arts and Sciences; and Carmella Iaria, '00, get reacquainted. Bottom: The event drew alums from five decades.



Flubacher Award

In April, the Economics Department presented its annual Flubacher Scholarship, which was established in 1996 by alumni, faculty, and staff who were inspired by the example of the late Dr. Joseph Flubacher, '35, a former La Salle professor of economics. Besides high scholastic achievement, the winner of this award must demonstrate a commitment to social peace and justice.

This year two recipients were honored: Army Sgt. Sean Berk, '04, the 2003 honoree, and Thomas DiCamillo, '05, this year's honoree, both economics majors. Berk was unable to attend last year's ceremony because he was serving his tour of duty in the Middle East.

DiCamillo worked this past summer as an intern for the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C. At La Salle, among numerous other activities, he has been a member of Peer Educators, an organization run by

the Division of Student Affairs, since his freshman year.

"I know that no matter what career awaits me after college, I will bring to the job my Catholic values, which have always brought with them a responsibility to speak up or act on social issues," DiCamillo said.

Berk's deployment to Iraq gave him a unique perspective on his commitment to social justice.

"To go to Iraq, I had to delay my studies by two years, but there I got an education that cannot be replicated in a classroom," Berk said. "During my 'study abroad,' my thoughts frequently turned to Dr. Flubacher, his life, and what being the recipient of his scholarship meant to me. And what it means to me is that one person can make a difference in the world."



At La Salle's Beta Gamma Sigma induction ceremony on April 1, three distinguished alumni were honored for their achievements in business. Their accomplishments exemplify honor, wisdom, and earnestness as signified in Beta Gamma Sigma. (From left) John W. Turner Jr., '69, President and Chief Executive Officer of J.W. Turner Industries; David P. Carberry, '74, Vice President of Finance, Health and Fitness at Johnson & Johnson Healthcare Systems, Inc.; Gregory O. Bruce, M.B.A. '81, Dean of the School of Business; and Thomas J. (Tim) Fitzpatrick, '72, M.B.A. '81, President and Chief Operating Officer of Sallie Mae, Inc. Turner was a 2003 chapter honoree, but was unable to attend last year's event.

Beta Gamma Sigma Named Outstanding Chapter

La Salle's chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma was named the outstanding chapter in the United States and the world for 2004 out of nearly 400 chapters internationally. The honor society recognizes the highest-ranking students from AACSB International-accredited business programs.

For this recognition, the society provides a \$1,500 scholarship to a La Salle student in the School of Business.

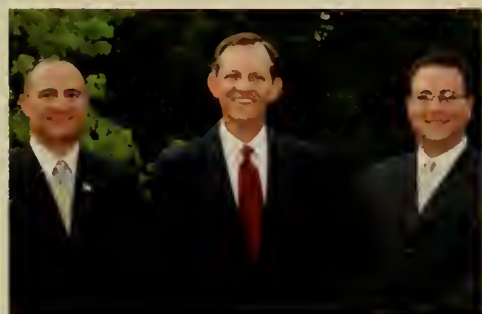
"Beta Gamma Sigma requires only academic performance to be inducted, but we want our students to give back to the University community," said Susan Borkowski, Ph.D., a La Salle professor of accounting and the faculty advisor for the La Salle chapter. "We ask inductees to mentor freshman students, and we ask graduate students to participate in our annual Banker's Day event to judge freshman teams' business plans. Our students deserve it, because it requires so much beyond studying."

Honors Bestowed on Alumni at Annual Accounting Awards Dinner



JACK REARDON YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD

Mary Jeanne Welsh, Ph.D. (left), Chair of the Accounting Department, and Jack Reardon, Ed.D., '59 (right), Emeritus Professor of Accounting, pose with Sara Chiappa O'Brien, C.P.A., '98, the recipient of this year's Jack Reardon Young Alumnus/a Award, at the University's 38th annual Beta Alpha Accounting Honors Society and the Accounting Association's Awards Dinner on April 22.



MICHAEL A. DEANGELIS AWARD

At the same event, fellow accounting graduates (from left) Ralph J. Mauro, Esq., '84, a partner at Kleinbard, Bell & Brecker, LLP; James V. Morris, '79, Senior Vice President at SEI Investments; and Kyle V. Maryanski, C.P.A., '91, a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, were honored this year with the Michael A. DeAngelis Award for outstanding achievement in their professions.

From Student-Athletes to Professional Coaches

BY MEAGHANN SCHULTE AND KALE BEERS, '95

Many La Salle University alumni who participated in athletics during their college days have gone on to be successful in their professional lives. A good number of these alums have used their experiences as student-athletes at La Salle to get them to where they are today.

Explorers are represented all over the world in athletics. From swimming to basketball, broadcasting to coaching, La Salle has had success in aiding student-athletes to pursue careers in the athletic world. The following are just two success stories:

Cheryl Reeve, '88

"If I hadn't played collegiate basketball, I would not have been turned on to coaching the sport, and be where I am today," said Cheryl Reeve, when asked how playing basketball at La Salle has influenced her professional life. Reeve is the assistant coach of the Charlotte Sting in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA).

While at La Salle, Reeve played basketball for four years, and had a one-year stint as a softball player. She left her mark on the Explorer women's basketball program, recording 420 total assists, making her fifth all-time in La Salle history. She is seventh all-time in La Salle history in career steals with 171. In her four-year career, Reeve started in 110 games, which ties her for second all-time. She is fourth in games played with 116.

"The NCAA mandates that you can only play four years of college basketball, or I would have played forever," said Reeve. "Luckily, Coach [John] Miller kept me on board as his graduate assistant, which was the first step in getting me to where I am today in coaching."

Reeve is in her fourth season in the WNBA. Prior to coaching professionally, she was the head coach for the Indiana State Sycamores from 1995-99, and was an assistant at George Washington University for five seasons. "Coaching is a means to continue being a part of what I love," Reeve said.



Jami Wilus, '02

Jami Wilus holds five of the six career records in the La Salle women's lacrosse history books. She played the most games (60), accumulated the most points (231), tallied 230 goals and 78 assists, and leads the school in draw controls with 90. Wilus not only holds these records, but she dominates the categories with gaps of over 100 in points, 135 in goals, 48 in assists, and 42 in draw controls.

Wilus is just finishing up her second year as the head women's lacrosse coach at North Penn High School, her alma mater. She feels, "The combination of academics and athletics at La Salle taught me so much about myself and prepared me for the future. Lacrosse has helped me in many ways professionally; the discipline, time management, and determination that I used for lacrosse has prepared me for coaching and teaching, while opening a window of opportunity for me in my professional life."



1946 Rev. Sidney C. Burgoyne (B.A.), Pastor Emeritus at St. John Fisher, Boothwyn, Pa., celebrated his 50th year in the priesthood.

1949 Dr. Joseph P. Mooney (B.A.), Professor Emeritus of Economics at La Salle, celebrated 50 years of marriage to Maria Elena Mooney on May 22, 2004. Five of their seven children are also graduates of La Salle.

1951 Richard J. Daisley, C.P.A. (B.S.) of Drexel Hill, Pa., co-judged a regional accounting competition hosted by Beta Alpha Psi, the national scholastic and professional fraternity for financial information students.

1953 Br. Kevin Strong, F.S.C. (B.A.) was appointed President of Cardinal Gibbons High School, Baltimore, Md.

Br. Philip Whitman, F.S.C. (B.A.) was appointed Managing Editor of the *Beltsville News*, an all-volunteer monthly community newspaper in Beltsville, Md.

1958 Br. Malachy Broderick, F.S.C. (B.A.) celebrated his golden jubilee in religious life at the Church of St. Bartholomew, Bethesda, Md.

Robert Lydon (B.S.) of Lansdale, Pa., a retired federal acting regional inspector general, does part-time investigations for federal agencies such as the National Security Agency. He is a freelance writer whose most recent article on Bing Crosby was published in the October-November edition of *Irish American Magazine*.

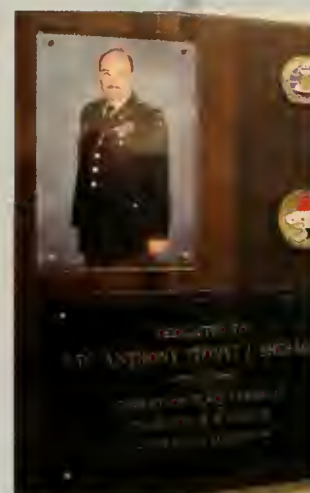
1959 Daniel J. Colombi (B.A.) received the Outstanding District Service Award from the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists in May 2004. He is an ordained deacon, Elder-Trustee of First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield, and is married to the mayor of Haddonfield, N.J.

Br. Hugh Maguire, F.S.C. (B.A.) received the Pro Ecclesiae et Pontifice medal in recognition of his long service in the port of Philadelphia.



Lt. Col. Anthony "Tony" L. Sherman, '81, of Pottstown, Pa., was honored posthumously on June 12, 2004 at the Philadelphia Memorial Armed Forces Reserve Center located in Northeast Philadelphia, where a hall was dedicated in his name. A graduate of La Salle's ROTC program, Sherman was a U.S. Army reservist with the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade, based in Philadelphia, Pa. In February 2003, his brigade, known as "Task Force Warrior," was deployed to Iraq. On Aug. 27, 2003, he died fulfilling his duty at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait. He is survived by his wife, Lisa; his 9-year-old son, Grant; and his mother, Joan C. Meyer, '76. John McGrail, '69, also a graduate of the ROTC program at La Salle, represented the University at the dedication ceremony. (From left) Brig. Gen. Steven J. Hashem, Commander of the 353rd Civil Affairs Command; Lisa Ann Sherman, widow of Lt. Col. Sherman; and Col. William Beard, Commander of the 304th Civil Affairs Brigade at the dedication of Sherman Hall on June 12.

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Above is the plaque that hangs in the hall dedicated to the late Lt. Col. Sherman at the Philadelphia Memorial Armed Forces Reserve Center.

Hon. Jerome A. Zaleski (B.S.) retired from the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia in December 2003. He became the Administrative Judge of the Family Court, distinguishing himself in the domestic relations and juvenile branches of family court.

1962 John Caputo (B.A.), a renowned philosopher, will join the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University as the Thomas J. Watson Professor of Religion and Humanities this fall.

Hugh A. Gilmore (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., owns and operates Gilmore's Book Shop in Chestnut Hill, Pa.

1963 Harry A. Connelly (B.S.) was appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board in Buckingham Township. He is a retired vice president for Philadelphia Gas Works.

1964 Patrick J. Hogan (B.S.) of Crownsville, Md., was named Assistant Director of United States Peace Corps Security.

1965 William F. Bryan III (B.S.) of Convent Station, N.J., retired from Hartford Financial Services after 38 years.

Domenick D'Orazio (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., was elevated to second-degree black belt in the art of Kempo Karate.

1967 Louis J. Beccaria, Ph.D. (B.A.) accepted the Philadelphia Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Award on behalf of the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation.

Anthony LeStorti (B.A.) is the Executive Consultant for Ideatects, Inc. in Doylestown, Pa. He recently published *When You're Asked to Do the Impossible: Principles of Business Teamwork and Leadership from the U.S. Army's Elite Rangers* (Lyons Press, 2003). The book synthesizes lessons from

his background as an airborne ranger, college professor, and management consultant.

1968 Dr. James J. Clarke (B.A.) of Villanova, Pa., was appointed to the Board of Directors for Chester Valley Bancorp, Inc.

Paul Vignone (B.A.) of Allenhurst, N.J., is one of two general agents responsible for combining two top New York agencies of Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company to be a "full service" financial services firm that provides on-site support for its insurance and financial professionals. The new combined agency is known as Vignone-Grossman PCP, The Planning Center for Professionals, Inc.

1969 George J. Edwards, Esq. (B.S.) of Katy, Texas, co-founded Osyka Corporation, an exploration and production company producing assets in Mass., La., and Texas. He and his wife Tonye recently had a son, George Nathan. They also have a 3-year-old daughter, Gladys Emmanuella.

John Gartland (B.A.) is putting the skills he acquired during 31 years with the Drug Enforcement Agency to use as he oversees security at Charlotte/Douglas International Airport. He is the Federal Security Director for the Transportation Security Administration.

Robert Walker, R.N. (B.A.) of Cherry Hill, N.J., received Episcopal Hospital Nursing Excellence Award and Nurse of the Year Award for 2004.

1971 David M. Gillece (B.A.), Executive Vice President of Colliers Pinkard, Baltimore, Md., was inducted into the Calvert Hall Alumni Hall of Fame. He was recognized for his commitment to Lasallian ideals, leadership, and professional achievement.

George W. Kletzel Jr. (B.A.) was ordained a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia by Cardinal Justin Rigali on June 6, 2004.

Vincent A. Lofink (B.S.) of Bear, Del., was honored at the 50th anniversary of the University of Delaware's M.B.A Program as a member of "The Lerner Fabulous 50," a prestigious group of M.B.A. alumni. State

Representative Lofink was selected for his contributions to the organization and the community in which he lives.

George Tomezsko (B.A.) of Hollywood, Pa., wrote and self-published *Civil War Fragments* (Southern Heritage Publishing, Inc.). The book discusses three little-known battles and incidents from the Civil War. The highlight of the book is a detailed account of the heroism of the Corps of Cadets (mostly teenagers) from the Virginia Military Institute during the Battle of New Market.

1972 Br. John McDonnell, F.S.C. (B.A.), a missionary in Ethiopia, returned to the U.S. to assume the position of District Development Director for the Brothers' Baltimore Province. He succeeds Br. Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., former La Salle president.

James Fenerty (B.A.) of Warrington, Pa., was presented the John J. McMenamin Memorial Award by the Philadelphia Basketball Old Timers Association. His career win total at Germantown Academy, Philadelphia, Pa., is now 350. Many of his players are now in Division I college ranks and the N.B.A.

1973 John E. Tomaszewski (B.A.) of Abington, Pa., was honored in the "Top Doctors" issue of *Philadelphia Magazine* as one of the region's best practitioners in the specialty of pathology.

1974 Eugene G. Cattie (B.S.) received the Sallie Mae/Nellie Mae Sales and Marketing Award for the third time in four years. He is a higher education consultant handling regional and national accounts in the Richmond, Va., area.

Madeline Janowski, C.P.A. (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., a director in the tax department of Asher & Company, Ltd., is the recipient of the 2004 Mordecai Gerson Meritorious Service Award. This award is presented to a council member with a minimum of five years of membership who has rendered extraordinary service to further the work of the council.

Anthony B. Quinn, Esq. (B.S.) led a five member sweep of the Springfield Township School Board elections. He was unanimously elected president of the school board at the reorganization meeting.

1975 Michael G. Dell'Orto (B.A.) of Wilton, N.H., is co-author of *Images of America: Wilton, Temple and Lyndeborough* (Arcadia Publishing Co., 2003), a history-in-pictures of three towns in the Monadnock region of New Hampshire.

Robert E. Hanrahan Jr. (B.S.) of West Chester, Pa., has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum of Philadelphia as an ex-officio member.

Rev. Benedict E. Kapa (B.A.) was reassigned as pastor of St. James the Apostle Church in Clarksburg, W.V.

Edward J. Mesunas (B.A.) of Lafayette Hill, Pa., was appointed Deputy Sheriff of Montgomery County, Pa. He received the top academic award from the Pennsylvania Sheriff Association upon completion of the Commission on Crime and Delinquency's 12th training class, where he also served as class president.

1976 David L. Bader (B.S.) of Burke, Va., retired from the Central Intelligence Agency after 27 years of employment. He is now an expert consultant for Spectal, LLC, a national defense contractor.

Paul Schneider (B.A.) of Langhorne, Pa., was named one of the top three public relations professionals in the cable communications industry by *CableFAX Magazine*, an industry publication.

1977 John Iannello (B.S., M.B.A. '84) was elected Resident Vice President of the Harleysville Group Inc. New Jersey office. He oversees all property/casualty operations throughout the state.

Rev. Vytautas Volertas (B.S.) of Maspeth, N.Y., studied in Rome, Italy, at the Pontifice Collegio Beda.

1979 Br. Thomas Bondra, F.S.C. (B.A.) celebrated his 25th anniversary as a De La Salle Christian Brother at St. Gabriel's Hall, Audubon, Pa.

Jerry Dawson (B.A.) graduated from the University of Southern California with an M.F.A. in filmmaking. He is now producing and directing documentaries in the Los Angeles area.

Maryclaire (McTamney) Dzik (B.A.) was appointed Branch Manager/Broker at Weichert Realtors, Fort Washington, Pa., office. As a top producer and a recipient of numerous awards, she brings with her a reputation for providing buyers and sellers a superior level of dedicated service.

1980 Carol (Louden) Beauchamp (B.S.) of Aston, Pa., received the American Red Cross Tiffany Award for employee excellence. This award is the highest recognition that a staff member can receive. The award was for employee excellence in the professional/technical service area.

Br. Richard Herlihy, F.S.C. (B.A.) celebrated his 25th anniversary as a De La Salle Christian Brother at a Mass at Our Mother of Consolation Church in Chestnut Hill, Pa. A reception followed at La Salle College High School, Wyndmoor, Pa., where he is a religion teacher and assistant athletic director.

1981 Br. Kevin Dalmasse, F.S.C. (B.A.), former Auxiliary Provincial Director of Education, has been appointed Regional Director of Education for the Brothers in the United States.

John Persichetti (B.A.) of Thousand Oaks, Calif., authored "Calibrate Your Monitor Carefully and Often" for the June issue of *Audio Video Multi Media Producer* magazine. Formerly with Sony Pictures, he is now a colorist for Posty Logic Studio/Hollywood. His recent high definition projects include *Spy Kids 3D: Game Over* and *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*.

Hughes A. Robinson (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., retired as an equal employment opportunity investigator. He formed the Diversity and Sexual Harassment Group (DSH Group) and is conducting seminars.

Margaret (Wolper) Strouse (B.S.) owns a massage practice, Hands-On Health, in Collegeville, Pa.

Carlton A. Payne, Ph.D. (B.A.), Director of Behavioral Health for the City of Philadelphia and former child psychologist, authored *Neophyte*, short stories about the Youth Study Center. The book tells the stories of troubled teens who are products of the juvenile court system.



1982 Br. James L. Butler, F.S.C. (B.A.), a former member of La Salle's Education Department and a University Trustee, has been appointed Auxiliary Provincial Director of Education for the Baltimore District of the Christian Brothers.

1983 John A. Hediger (B.S.) of Warrington, Pa., was named General Manager of Mercedes-Benz of Wilmington, Del.

1984 John R. Gimpel, D.O. (M.A. '00) received the Golden Apple Teaching Award for teacher of the year at Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C.

Michael Hoffman (B.A.) of Basking Ridge, N.J., is president of his computer consulting company, ClientXclient LLC.

John A. McCann (B.S.) opened his second real estate/appraisal office in Ocean City, N.J.

1986 William G. Dotzman, D.O. (B.A.) lives and practices osteopathic medicine in the Tampa Bay area in Florida.

1987 Rosemarie Carosella (B.A.) of Havertown, Pa., is Director of Corporate Communications for Health Partners.

Joseph J. Forte Jr. (B.A.) of Turnersville, N.J., is the Security Director at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

G. Russell Reiss III, M.D. (B.A.) is a cardiothoracic surgeon at Salt Lake City Veterans Hospital and the University of Utah.

1988 Terry Jo Ainsentein, R.N. (B.A., M.A. '97) of Bensalem, Pa., was selected for *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, 2004. Her article, "Developing a Style of Interpersonal Supervision," was published in the February 23 issue of *Nursing Spectrum*.

Paul Krumenacker (B.S.) was appointed to the Doylestown Park and Recreation Commission. He owns an investment company, Wealth Advisory Services, Inc., in Doylestown, Pa.

David P. McShane (B.A.) of Bala Cynwyd, Pa., is the mural artist for the Silver Award presented to Health Partners for the "Respect is Healthy" series at the first annual Service Industry Advertising Awards (SIAA).

1990 Christopher P. Kops (M.B.A.) of Churchville, Pa., was appointed Vice Dean for Administration and Finance at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

1991 Eugene J. Halus Jr. (B.A.), an assistant professor of political science at Ohio University, Lancaster, Pa., teaches in three of the university's master's programs—public administration, social policy, and a

general graduate degree in social science. Most of his research focuses on urban politics, neighborhoods, and economic revitalization in the city of Lancaster itself.

James J. McBride (B.S.) of Moorestown, N.J., an institutional business development director for Turner Investment Partners, has been named a principal, which entitles him to equity ownership of the firm.

1992 Suzanne Ely (B.A.) of Santa Monica, Calif., resigned her positions at *The National Enquirer* and *Star* to "enjoy life." Her plans include writing about film, music, and popular culture for national newspapers and journals, and to teach tabloid journalism (online) at The New School University.

1993 Robert Conroy (B.A.) of Drexel Hill, Pa., was nominated to a second term on the Executive Board of the Middle Atlantic College Stores. He is the assistant campus store director at Philadelphia University.

Shannon Conroy (B.A.) of Timonium, Md., earned her M.A. in education from Georgian Court College in Lakewood, N.J.

Duane Swierczynski (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., had his most recent books, *The Encyclopedia of the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List* and *The Big Book O' Beer*, published in February 2004 (by Checkmark Books) and April 2004 (by Quirk Books), respectively.

Eric Toppy (B.A.) is the Director of Managed Markets Marketing and Planning for Biovail Pharmaceuticals, Inc., in Bridgewater, N.J.

1994 Howard F. Campbell (B.A.) of Gastonia, N.C., started a consulting firm where he consults on matters of physical and personal security, as well as a wide variety of educational issues, from systems review, to headhunting, to testing.

Seann Hallisky (B.A.) of Seattle, Wash., formed the Hallisky Law Group, PLLC, providing a full range of legal services.

Paul Joseph Licata (B.S.) of New Milford, N.J., is a retirement planning specialist with Morgan Stanley.

Christy Marrella-Davis (B.A.) of Marlton, N.J., attended Georgetown University this summer, completing the Summer Institute

on the Constitution for the requirements for the James Madison Foundation of which she was awarded a fellowship.

1995 Christina Brennan (B.A.) of New Glarus, Wis., is a sales manager with Dean Health Systems. She and her husband, Marc Ott, are enjoying their 2-year-old daughter, Caitlyn Grace.

Michael D. Donnelly (B.A.) of New Canaan, Conn., joined Professional Lines Underwriting Specialists Inc. (PLUS) as a vice president to assist in the company's continued expansion.

Paul Franco (B.A.) of Long Beach, N.Y., spent seven months in Iraq with a Navy Seabee Unit attached to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Division, USMC. He returned to New York City to continue his work as a firefighter.

Br. Ernest J. Miller, F.S.C. (M.A.), a history teacher at Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, Pa., made his profession of Final Vows. The ceremony took place at a Eucharistic Liturgy held in the Church of St. Augustine, Washington, D.C.

William J. Ricchini (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., recently had his album, *Ordinary Time*, selected as one of the 10 best albums by *Village Voice* Jazz and Pop Poll. **Rocco DeCicco (B.A.)** played bass guitar on at least one of the songs.

1996 Nicholas Bernardo (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., started a marketing consulting company specializing in helping local businesses expand.

Stephen Mann (B.A., M.B.A. '04) of Norristown, Pa., accepted a research assistantship in the Linguistics Program at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, where he will be working on a joint M.A./Ph.D.

1997 Peter C. Kleponis (M.A.) of Mont Clare, Pa., is an associate of Dr. Richard P. Fitzgibbons, M.D., at Comprehensive Counseling Services in West Conshohocken, Pa.

Mark J. Pontzer (B.A.) of Downingtown, Pa., earned his master's degree in educational administration from Temple University. In

the fall, he will attend Widener University's School of Law.

Michael Sielski (B.A.) won first place for sports reporting, daily newspaper, in the annual journalism contest of the Keystone Pro Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists—a contest open to all newspapers in Pennsylvania. His story was a three-day series on a tragic accident and how it changed forever the life of an in-line skater. The award was given at the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association's annual conference.

1998 Tierney (McNulty) Kelly (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., was promoted to Vice President of Regional Publicity, Miramax Films. She and her husband, Matthew, welcomed a son, Matthew A. Kelly IV, in December.

Michael Pelham (B.S.), Chief Strategic Planner for International Chemical Company in Philadelphia, Pa., awarded monetary prizes to students in the Communications Program at Holy Family University for participating in an editing project for the company.

1999 Jeff Bedard (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., will begin the Executive M.B.A. Program at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business in the fall.

Jeffrey J. Chrin, C.P.A. (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., is a senior tax consultant for Deloitte Touche. He recently passed the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) 63 and 65 exams. He also received a Master of Taxation degree from Villanova University.

Roger Hoyle (B.A.) is in his second year of the Master of Fine Arts Program at the College of the Arts in San Francisco. He is pursuing his degree in filmmaking. He recently produced his first professional film, a commercial that promotes a new diner and is now airing on the San Francisco Comcast cable stations.

2000 Rev. Eric M. Augenstein (B.A.) was ordained to the priesthood for service in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Ind. He celebrated his first Mass in his home parish of St. Jude in Indianapolis on June 6.

Breaking Down Barriers: Marie Hicks, '80, and Sons

Over 30 years ago, Marie Hicks, '80, asked why Girard College, a prestigious all-boys academic boarding school, was surrounded by a tall, looming wall. She didn't like the answer she received.

"I was told the wall was to keep blacks out," she said. "And that made me angry."

She teamed up with Cecil B. Moore, who led the Philadelphia branch of the NAACP, to fight for black students to gain admission to the school.

"I wanted to do something about it, because it wasn't right," she said. "Girard College was a really good school, and my boys should have the opportunity to go there."

In 1954, the Supreme Court announced its landmark decision in the case of *Brown v. Board of Education*, calling for the desegregation of schools. It was then that the fight with Girard College began. The struggle to integrate the school resulted in a 14-year lawsuit and included two trips to the U.S. Supreme Court, picketing, protesting, and a visit by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. For Hicks and her family, the struggle also included death threats and hate mail.

Hicks' son Theodore entered Girard College in September 1968 as one of four black students. Her older son Charles was admitted several months later. As students, their days were filled with harassment and hatred.

"It was hard on the boys, especially Charles, who was the only black boy in his class," she said. "But I explained to them the importance of what they were doing and why they needed to be strong."

In May 2004—50 years after the *Brown v. Board of*



(From left) Junius Hicks; Charles Hicks; Marie Hicks, '80; Theodore Hicks; and Loretta Hicks-Mason.

Education decision—Girard College marked the 30th anniversary of its first black graduate, Charles Hicks. The entire Hicks family returned to Girard's campus where both Charles and his mother spoke of the struggles and the triumphs of their fight. Theodore graduated from Girard a few years after his brother, and was the first black valedictorian.

Marie, whom Dominic C. Cermele, Girard College President, referred to as "our own Rosa Parks" in a May 2004 *Philadelphia Inquirer* interview, says she fought for what she believed in and would not back down, because she knew that, in the end, her actions would touch the lives of many people.

"I live my life knowing that, if you help someone along the way, your living was not in vain," Hicks said.

Indeed. Today, Girard College welcomes all applicants regardless of race or gender.

David Pepino (B.A.) of Ardmore, Pa., joined the faculty of St. Joseph's Preparatory High School in Philadelphia teaching mathematics.

Kathleen Tanney (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., was promoted to Assistant Vice President of Deposit Support with Beneficial Savings Bank.

Paul Thompson (B.S.) of Wilmington, Del., is a portfolio analyst for JP Morgan Private Bank Premium Investors Group.

2001 Gregory Lyons (B.A.) of Southampton, Pa., and his band "Laguardia" were signed by Universal. They marked their release of its major-label debut with "Welcome to the Middle" at the Khyber in Philadelphia.

P. J. Hakim (B.A.) was named Director of Information Systems at J. Goodman & Associates, Inc., a food service sales and marketing company in Santa Monica, Calif.

2002 Allison L. Andreno (B.S.N.) of Cedarhurst, N.Y., is the 2004 recipient of the Center of Nursing Excellence Award. She designed an informational brochure about cardiac telemetry that is currently distributed to all patients upon admission at North Shore University Hospital in New York.

Anastasia Joy Brown (B.A.) of Pemberton, N.J., is a services coordinator at MTV Networks in New York City.

Edward Persichetti (B.A.) of Bristol, R.I., is a studio technician and full-time cameraman for Eye-Witness News/FOX Providence. He earned his Coast Guard captain's license and is presently the captain of the Prudence Island Ferry docked in the Newport River, R.I. As owner of Persichetti Productions, he shoots and produces local merchant commercials.

Justin Peticolas (B.A.) was promoted to Retail Training Instructor for Commerce Bank's Commerce University. He will be training new hires as well as coaching and developing current employees at the university's Northfield, N.J., campus.

2003 Candice Cleere (B.A.) of Greenville, Ohio, is a law student at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

T. J. Hubbard (B.A.) of Orlando, Fla., is a full-time production associate for original productions working on "What's in the Bag" and "Big Break II." He is also freelancing with The Golf Channel working in live television.

Marriages

1993 Shannon Conroy (B.A.) to Douglas Ports.

1994 Christy Marrella (B.A.) to Steven Davis Jr.

Heather L. Mirabelli (B.A.) to Scott Phillips.

1997 Loretta Shirley (B.A.) to **Timothy M. Esposito (B.A.)**.

Kristina Wahl (B.A.) to James Glanzman.

1998 Shannon Blackburn (B.S.) to Eric Leber.

Brian Mills (B.A.) to **Joanne Cislo (B.S.W.)**.

Amanda Smith (B.A.) to Peter Fridirici.

1999 Colin Brennan (B.A.) to Shannon Purcell.

2000 Danielle Dotsey (B.A.) to Noel Ramirez.

Mariann Kuttler (B.S.) to Keith Ledwith.

Patricia Noe (B.S.) to David J. Scheidel.

Tamika Tubens (B.A.) to **Ryan Hines (B.A.)**.

Erin S. Smyth (B.S.) to Robert T. Wenzel.

2003 Frances Heil (B.S.) to Jason Simmons.

Births

1983 A son, Aidan Matthew, to Maryellen and **Keith R. Ruck (B.S., M.B.A. '95)**.

1984 A son, Christopher Robert, to Yvonne and **Robert A. Hopstetter (B.S.)**.

1987 Triplets, Audrey, Sawyer, and Greyson, to Barbara and **Jesse Deane (B.S.)**.

1990 A daughter, Emily Lynn, to James and **Kelly (Beckner) Hruska (B.A.)**.

An adopted son, Jake, to Robert and **Maura (McMahon) Primus (B.A.)**.

1992 A daughter, Hailee, to Renee and **Scott D. Campbell (B.A.)**.

A daughter, Brianna Beverly, to Monica and **Brian M. Fish (B.A.)**.

A daughter, Katherine Grace, to **Thomas J. McDermott (B.S.)** and **Bernadette (Heanegan) Mc Dermott (B.S. '93, M.B.A. '99)**.

A daughter, Cecilia Marie, to **Carroll A. (Lutz) Palakow (B.A.)** and **Gregory J. Palakow (B.A.)**.

1993 A son, Louis Arigo, to Beth and **Anthony R. LaRatta, Esq. (B.A.)**.

A son, Christopher Patrick, to Amy and **David J. Owsik Jr (B.A.)**.

1994 A daughter, Lindsay Grace, to **Joyce (Jellig) Bednarek (B.A.)** and **Robert Bednarek (B.A.)**.

Twin daughters, Madeline and Olivia, to Aileen (Ragan) Wanzer and **Eric Wanzer (B.S. '96)**.

A son, Ryan Michael, to Arthur and **Theresa (Delaney) Whitchurch (B.A.)**.

1995 A daughter, Anna Maria, to **Paul Langan (B.A.)** and **Eliza Comodromos-Langan (B.A. '96)**.

1996 A son, Jack Christopher, to Rob and **Denise (Vizza) Brand (B.A.)**.

A daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, to **Christine (Yucis) Schulden (B.A.)** and **John Schulden (B.S. '97, M.B.A. '04)**.

A daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, to Chris and **Carol (Strus) Thornton (B.A.)**.

A son, Philip Robert III, to Phil and **Melissa (Solt) Williams (B.A.)**.

1997 A son, Kadya A., to **Aminah T. (Sumner) Finney (M.A.)**.

A daughter, Ava Lorén, to Herb and **Theresa Garvin-Keyser (B.A.)**.

A son, Andrew, to Maria and **Michael Hermann (B.S.)**.

In Memoriam

1937 Felix M. Kadel (B.A.) of Harrisburg, Pa., on December 7, 2003.

1938 Charles A. Reilly Sr. (B.A.) of Indian Rocks Beach, Fla., on November 28, 2003.

1942 Thomas M. Centanni (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on April 25, 2004. He was a Philadelphia Police officer for 40 years.

1948 Charles M. Durning (B.S.) of Glenside, Pa., on June 9, 2004.

1949 Martin W. Gehlhaus (B.S.) of Orelan, Pa., on April 9, 2004. He retired from PECO after a 45-year career as a manager of area development and commercial sales.

John J. Lawn (B.S.) of Blue Bell, Pa., on March 15, 2004.

Paul G. McGinnis (B.S.) of Newtown Square, Pa.

1950 James P. Conboy Jr. (B.S.) of Drexel Hill, Pa., in January 2004. A decorated veteran who lost his leg in World War II, he was featured in a 1945 *Life* magazine issue boarding the plane that took him to Germany. That photo essay was picked up around the world.

John J. Kelly (B.A.) of Broomall, Pa., on October 20, 2003.

Patrick N. Leto (B.S.) of Highland, Ind., on March 26, 2004.

Thomas J. Shusted, Esq. (B.A.) of Haddonfield, N.J., on April 2, 2004.

1951 Joseph V. Burns (B.A.) of Glenside, Pa., in December 2003.

1952 Samuel A. McKay (B.S.) of Tampa, Fla., on April 13, 2004.

David W. Rumsey (B.A.) of Warminster, Pa., on May 24, 2004.

John J. Toscano (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on March 28, 2004. He was a retired Philadelphia police officer.

1954 Joseph G. Billé (B.S.) of Morrisville, Pa., father of **Joseph G. Billé (B.A. '78)**, on March 4, 2004.

Frank T. McGough (B.S.) of Hammonton, N.J.

Michael J. Reeves (B.S.) of Sinking Spring, Pa., on December 10, 2003. He was retired from Traveler's Insurance Company.

Anthony E. Valerio (B.S.) of Trevoise, Pa., on November 3, 2003.

1955 Alfred L. Hetrick (B.S.) of Woodbury, N.J., on November 21, 2003.

James J. McKenna Jr., Ph.D. (B.A.) of King of Prussia, Pa., on April 18, 2004. He founded the Criminal Justice Department at Villanova University. He established a program at Graterford Prison to allow inmates and guards at the maximum-security facility to earn college credits from Villanova.

1956 Anthony Battaglia, M.D. (B.A.) of Gibbstown, N.J., in February 2004.

Thomas J. Simone (B.A.) on May 6, 2004.

1957 Robert Reed (B.S.) of Austin, Texas, on September 25, 2003.

1959 Alexander J. Woodley Jr. (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa.

1964 Ronald J. Hamill (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., in June 2003.

Edward A. Mumma (B.A.) of Waynesboro, Pa.

David A. Partridge (B.S.) of Blue Bell, Pa., on May 31, 2004.

Stanley Rudewicz (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on March 13, 2004.

1969 Ralph V. Caliendo (B.S.) of Warminster, Pa.

Thomas A. Johnson (B.A.) of Springfield, Pa., on May 18, 2004. As a member of La Salle's swim team, he was inducted into La Salle's Hall of Athletes in 1990. He was a Sun Oil Company executive and NASCAR racing fan.

Gregg J. McKiernan (B.A.) of Santa Cruz, Calif., in October 2003.

1971 Stanley D. Kolman, D.O. (B.A.) of Ventnor City, N.J., on December 11, 2003.

1972 Felix Alex Barkowski (B.S.) of Cinnaminson, N.J., on February 25, 2004.

David C. Eisenhart (B.S.) of Fenwick Island, Del., on December 21, 2003.

1974 Joseph C. Anhalt (B.S.) of Fairless Hills, Pa.

James B. Doyle (B.S.) of Bensalem, Pa.

Charles McDowell (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa.

1979 Benjamin R. Card (B.S.) of Willow Grove, Pa.

1981 John J. Gillespie (B.S.) of El Toro, Calif., on August 29, 2003.

1984 Bernard Hurley (M.B.A.) of Collingswood, N.J., on Tuesday, May 25, 2004. He had a distinguished career as an inventor, engineer, and manager at RCA and Lockheed Martin.

1989 David P. Logan (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa.

Lawrence J. Patelunas Jr. (B.S.) of Langhorne, Pa.

1994 William M. Hamilton (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on May 17, 2004.

2002 Kathleen A. (Cahill) Ruby (B.A.) of Horsham, Pa., in January 2004.

FACULTY

Marijke (van Rossum) Wijsmuller, a retired professor of mathematics and mother of **Maya K. van Rossum (B.S. '89)**, in March 2004. She joined La Salle's faculty in 1979 and remained until her retirement in 1998.

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For the first time in La Salle's history, the University's Commencement ceremony was seen live from coast to coast through a Webcast linked from La Salle's Web site. According to Biondo Communications, the company that provided the Webcast, 149 users logged on to view the ceremony in real time from as far away as California and Florida. More users tuned in at 4:00 p.m. for the rebroadcast, and again as the ceremony was replayed throughout the evening. (From left) Chris Brower, a senior information technology major at La Salle, assists Biondo Communications owners (and brothers) Joseph Biondo, '01, La Salle's Web manager, and Anthony Biondo, '00, with the Webcast.



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